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From Craig Seton, Mansfield

Fifty-five men, most of them striking miners, were due in court last night to face charges *including riot, after the serious* violence which occurred after Monday's mass rally by miners in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, in which 40 policemen were hurt and 88 arrests were made.

The decision to charge the men with the serious offence of riot was taken by Mr Charles McLachlan, the chief constable of Nottinghamshire, after consultation with his legal advisers, because it carries far higher penalties than the standard public order offences with which miners and pickets have so far been charged.

It is understood that at least 20 of the men, all of whom have been held in custody since Monday, are from Yorkshire collieries. Others are from pits in *Lancashire, Staffordshire,* Warwickshire and Derbyshire. A few of those charged are not miners

The men were to be dealt with in batches of 10 before a special sitting of Mansfield magistrates last night.

At a press conference earlier yesterday Mr McLachlan referred to the "frightening incidents" after Monday's rally had dispersed and gave a clear indication that he would now, reluctantly consider a ban on future rallies and demonstrations by striking miners, depending on the circumstances, to prevent a repeat of Monday's violence.

Mr McLachlan said that Monday's march went "reasonably well", but afterwards several hundred people remained and there were serious *public order problems,* with a series of attacks on the police and representatives of the media.

Mend chanted at the police: "Section five, section five" – a reference to the breach of the peace offence with which many miners in the present dispute have been charged.

Mr McLachlan said that that was a public order offence punishable by a fine, but what had happened on Monday "took them well beyond a



Chief Constable McLachlan.

simple public order offence and into a much more serious offence. I hope they realize what they are doing."

Forty police officers were *injured in the violence,* 17 of them requiring hospital treatment, and one has been detained. Eighty-eight people were arrested, mostly aged between 20 and 30.

Mr McLachlan said that he had spoken to some of the police officers immediately afterwards "and they said it was as frightening as many an *incident they had been involved* in".

Asked about the possibility of banning future demonstrations, he said: "I think it is something we would seriously have to consider if we had another of this type. We have got to consider precisely the form and consider the circumstances. I am against banning people who want to demonstrate and march to exercize their freedom of speech and I would not want to ban as a matter of principle unless it was absolutely necessary."

Speaking about policing policy in the general dispute, the chief constable said: "We have no axe to grind in this dispute. We are trying to steer the *absolutedly middle course.*

"We will continue with what some people seem to see as a rather controversial tactic of stopping people getting into the country if there is a cause to think there will be a breach of the peace and we shall go on doing that."

Mr McLachlan said that striking miners had increased their use of intimidation and violence in the Nottinghamshire coalfield, where the majority of the 34,000 miners have defied repeated attempts to get them to join the strike.

He spoke angrily of incidents of arson, intimidation of wives and families of working miners and attacks on homes and

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First aid: An injured policeman being helped to safety by colleagues after clashes with miners.

Inter-union dispute

Scottish docks strike threat

From Ronald Faux, Glasgow

A dock strike at more than 30 Scottish ports is to be called from next Monday unless an inter-union dispute over coal supplies for the Ravenscraig steel plant near Motherwell is settled before then.

The decision was taken yesterday in Glasgow by 40 delegates of the Scottish Docks Trade Group after a Norwegian vessel, the Obo King, carrying coal for Ravenscraig was unloaded on the Hunterston terminal on the Clyde with help from members of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation. The vessel had been blacked by all unions.

Twenty-five dockers from Hunterston called for an immediate strike but this action was delayed to allow talks between the Transport and General Workers' Union, the ISTC, the British Steel Corporation and the Clyde Port Authority to find a compromise.

The new disagreement jeopardizes the peace formula reached last Friday which allows 18,000 tons of coal a week into Ravenscraig by train during the miners' strike. The Hunterston dockers had accused the ISTC crane drivers of defying a blacking order on the 65,000-ton cargo of coal.

Yesterday, Mr Bill Sirs, general secretary of the ISTC, denied that his members had deliberately broken the agreement. He said that his union's representatives at the meeting on Friday were not aware that the Obo King was already being unloaded. It had been impossible to contact them in time to stop the operation.

Dockers at yesterday's meeting accused the ISTC members of being "blacklegs and scabs" and the new dimension to the dispute stemming from the miners' strike seems to be tearing apart the so-called triple alliance of *coal, steel and rail* unions. It has also resurrected the demarcation argument which in the 1970s delayed the opening of the Hunterston ore and coal terminal for more than two years.

Mr James Gilligan, the TGWU's Scottish docks group secretary said after yesterday's meeting that the dockers would be requested to strike from 8am next Monday in support of their colleagues at Hunterston unless a solution was found.

Two rail deliveries of coal arrived at Ravenscraig yesterday although Mr Michael McGahey, president of the Scottish miners, had announced that the peace formula reached last Friday over the delivery of coal to the plant had been cancelled because of "blacklegging" by ISTC members.

The Scottish National Coal Board said yesterday that 1,000 Scottish miners had now asked to be considered for voluntary redundancy. They were among *1,400 who had called a special* telephone number at the board's headquarters

ICI chief in Moscow trade talks

By Jeremy Warner

Mr John Harvey-Jones, chairman *of ICI, is flying to* Moscow today for discussions with Soviet officials about ways of developing trade with their country.

It is the first visit to the Soviet Union for 10 years by a director of ICI, one of Britain's biggest companies.

Mr Harvey-Jones, who speaks Russian, will be meeting the prime minister, Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, and four deputy prime ministers, including Mr Leonid Kostandov who visited ICI's plant on Teesside last October.

The discussions are expected to centre on how ICI can contribute to the Soviet agricultural production through the provision of pruteen technology – a way of making protein for animal feed from natural gas

400 students barricade Poly in NF dispute

By Patricia Clough

About 400 students barricaded themselves inside a building and a photographer was beaten up as a National Front member, armed with a High Court injunction, arrived at North London Polytechnic yesterday.

Mr Patrick Harrington, aged 19, treasurer and organizer of the Front's Kensington and Chelsea branch, met Mr David Coome, the polytechnic's assistant director, about his intention to study philosophy at the polytechnic in spite of opposition from the student union.

It was understood they discussed a proposal, already rejected by Mr Harrington, of private tuition but the meeting's outcome was not disclosed.

Meanwhile, at the polytechnic's Kentish Town building, where Mr Harrington had been expected for lectures, all classes were cancelled in an attempt to defuse the situation.

Students barricaded the doors and held a long meeting, which ended with a decision to stage a mass picket tomorrow morning when Mr Harrington is again expected to try to go to lectures.

Mr Ian Newport, a photographer for *NF News*, who accompanied Mr Harrington to *the polytechnic*, was kicked and punched. He had his camera taken. The incident happened as a few dozen students waited at the administration block to demonstrate against Mr Harrington, who left by a back door.

Teaching staff, after strong opposition from some, obeyed a court order and examined photographs of student pickets who had previously prevented Mr Harrington entering the building. Most declared they could not identify any.

Tass styles Shultz as 'half-wit' on Olympics

From Richard Owen Moscow

As recriminations echoed in the corridors of Western embassies here over diplomats' failure to foresee e Soviet boycott of the Los Angeles Olympic Games, Tass yesterday accused Mr George Shultz, the United States Secretary of State, of "playing the *half-wit*" by pretending not to understand Moscow's motives.

Tass said the State Department had obviously decided it was better to "play simps and half-wits" than to face up to the *bitter truth that the Reagan* Administration had made it impossible for Soviet athletes to take part in the Games.

Mr Shultz and other officials said they could not understand what Moscow wanted, yet *President Reagan himself* had conceded the Soviet case by giving Señor Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), assurances that the Olympic Charter would be strictly observed.

On Monday, Mr Marat Gramov, the head of the Soviet Olympic Committee, dashed hopes of a last-minute change of mind by declaring that Moscow's decision not to attend was irrevocable.

Mr Gramov succeeded the disgraced Sergei Pavlov as head of the Soviet Sports and Olympic Committees in January last year and has skilfully guided Moscow's growing campaign against the Los Angeles Games. But he denied that Russia had planned a boycott all along, had coordinated strategy (including an alternative communist Olympiad) with its allies or intended to stay away from the *1988 games in South Korea.*

Instead Mr Gramov, who will attend an emergency IOC meeting in Lausanne on Friday, gave the impression that the decision had been in the balance until late April, when the *State Department* flatly rejected a joint approach over alleged American violations of the Olympic Charter from the Russians, the IOC and the Los Angeles organizers.

This was the "last straw," and had precipitated Moscow's decision, Mr Gramov said. He had earlier indicated at a press conference in April that Moscow would not decide whether to go until the end of May.

Some diplomats maintained yesterday that there had still *been time to persuade the* Russians to attend even after their boycott announcement a week ago, which appeared to leave open a loophole and was interpreted by officials only as a "serious expression of concern".

● VALLETTA: Señor Samaranch, the IOC president, said here yesterday he still hoped to persuade Moscow to reverse its decision to boycott the Los Angeles Olympics (Reuter reports). Arriving for a meeting of Council of Europe sports ministers, he told reporters: "I will keep trying to the end."

● DELHI: Vice-President George Bush yesterday appealed to Moscow to reconsider its decision to boycott the Los Angeles Olympics.

Thorn EMI and Bae propose Britain's biggest merger

By Jonathan Clare

The biggest merger yet of two British companies is being planned by Thorn EMI, the electronics group, and British Aerospace, the former state-owned aircraft company sold to the private sector three years ago. The Government still owns 48 per cent of BAe and a statement about the proposed merger will be made in Parliament today.

The combined company *would have a stock market* value of about £1,600m and would be Britain's fifteenth largest publicly quoted company, employing 160,000.

The surprise news was given to BAe's shareholders at the *annual meeting* yesterday only a few hours after Sir Austin Pearce, the chairman, told the Government and his board.

The key to the proposed merger is the defence interests of the two companies with Thorn's electronics expertise complementing the aeronautical expertise of BAe.

Sir Austin said: We would be very much equal partners in terms of what would be contributed to a new company. But it's not cut and dried – we don't know yet whether its a good idea, a neutral idea or a bad idea."

He added that the companies expected to make a firm decision within weeks rather than days on whether to go ahead.

Mr Peter Laister, Thorn's managing director, said that despite the Government's heavy involvement and its early

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information about the proposals a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission had not been ruled out.

However, he pointed out that the companies were compatible rather than competitive in their products, leaving only size as a consideration.

He said: "In my view this country needs large strong companies to compete in international terms. There is, therefore, no reason why this merger should get dealt with (by the Monopolies Commission) on size or product area".

The discussions about a possible merger started last month, but both sides already agree that electronics combined with defence would build a balanced group.

Thorn has a market capitalization of more than £1,100m, twice the size of BAe at less than £500m. But Sir Austin said it was a "merger not a takeover" and that in terms of assets and sales they were about the same size.

Aircraft sales, both military and civil, account for about 60 per cent of BAe's turnover but would be less than one-third of the combined group. This would benefit both companies *because* BAe would gain from Thorn's consumer sales while Thorn would be helped by BAe's strong overseas sales.

Mr Laister thought it was unlikely that another suitor for BAe would appear because none of the obvious companies would receive the blessing of the Monopolies Commission. Thorn has been looking for a partnership for months but BAe was top of the list.

Mr Laister said: "There are positive reasons why this partnership should work . . . Thorn EMI was a merger and that confounded the critics."

The Government has already said that it intends to dispose of some of its stake in the company and the likely merger would provide an obvious opportunity. About 60 per cent of BAe's employees are also shareholders with a combined stake of 3 per cent.

Schools for blacks shut by Pretoria

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

All six secondary schools in the black township of Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, were closed last night until the end of the year by the South African Department of Education and Training which is responsible for black education. Primary schools will stay open.

Announcing this in Cape Town last night, Mr Barend du Plessis, the Minister concerned, said the decision had been taken with "sincere regrets" because of "continued violence and disruption of education."

Most pupils at the six schools had been boycotting classes because of grievances which, they say, the Government has not met. They had been given until yesterday to return. Although students did turn up at one of the effected schools, the others continued to stay away.

The disturbances have continued off and on for several months, involving many clashes between rioting students and police. In one clash a young schoolgirl died after being knocked down by a police vehicle. The latest decision by the Government could spark off a new wave of violence.

Among the demands made by the students are the replacement of the prefect system with elected student representative councils; the ending of corporal punishment; and the abolition of the age-limit regulation which means that pupils over the age of 20 may be refused reentry to school.

Blacks often start school late, and many lost a year's schooling during the 1976 Soweto riots.

Reuters' market value

Reuters, the international news agency and electronic financial information group, could be valued at more than £900m (or as little as £710m) *when a quarter of its shares are* sold in a complex, simultaneous operation in London and New York at the beginning of June.

The prospectus, published as a separate supplement to *The Times* today (pages 29-30) reveals the biggest-ever bonanza for Fleet Street and for Britain's provincial newspaper publishers, who, with their counterparts in Australia and New Zealand, own Reuters' shares.

Although Reuters is best *known for its news service,* it has achieved fast profit growth in recent years by providing the same money market and financial information with which its founder, Mr Paul Julius Reuter, first launched the business in 1851 **Kenneth Fleet and details,** **page 15**

Zola Budd giving up South African citizenship



Zola Budd: final move

By Pat Butcher

Zola Budd will renounce her South African citizenship this week in a final attempt to be accepted as a fully British athlete with the freedom to compete abroad, including this summer's Olympic Games, should she be selected.

The impetus for Miss Budd's renunciation – which, since she is a minor, has to be made with her father – comes from the furore over her participation in a road race 10 days ago in Norway, which does not permit sporting links with South African citizens.

The Norwegians felt they had been misled by Miss Budd and British athletics officials on the subject of her dual nationality, and have made it clear that Miss Budd would not be permitted to run in a projected 5,000 metres world record attempt at the Bislett meeting in Oslo on June 28 unless she renounced South African citizenship.

Sven-Arne Hansen, one of the Oslo organizers, who was in London for the marathon last weekend, doubted whether Miss Budd would be allowed to compete in any other European country, since there are similar proscriptions

An official of the Britsh Amateur Athletic Board confirmed yesterday that the move was imminent. The formal renunciation will probably be made either today or tomorow, in an attempt to undermine the criticism of Miss Budd and her backers expected in Thames Television's *TV Eye* programme, due tomorrow

Sam Ramsamy, head of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee (San-Roc), the organization which feels most strongly that Miss Budd's move to Britain was simply as an Olympic convenience, said yesterday: "It is a step in the right direction

The South African Ministry of Internal Affairs confirmed that the discretionary powers to take away South African citizenship from someone who had gone overseas and been given a foreign passport did not apply to Miss Budd, since she was under 21 (she will be 18 next week), but that she could renounce South African citizenship in making a formal application jointly with her father.

Divorced couples 'remarried' by order

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Three couples who had obtained quick divorces found themselves "remarried" yesterday after an order by Sir John Arnold, president of the family division of the High Court.

He rescinded their divorce decrees after a discovery that the couples had been sleeping together up to the time of the court proceedings although they claimed they had been living apart.

The ruling will be seen as a warning to couples considering the "quickie" do-it-yourself divorce procedure.

Sir John said that the case highlighted the need for the possible reworking of the divorce forms to remove any chance of people being misled by the questions.

The cases were investigated by the Queen's Proctor, the legal watchdog on divorce, after the granting of the decrees nisi.

In each case the couples had claimed in sworn statements that they were living separate lives under the same roof, but they were still sleeping together and had deliberately misled the court.

The three cases involved couples from Worcester, Warrington and Virginia Water, Surrey, and all involved complaints about behaviour.

In the first, Mr Peter Newman, an hotelier, and his wife, Elizabeth, aged 32, of St Anne's Sports and Social Club, Virginia Water, married in March, 1974, and were granted a decree in January last year.

Sir John said that the husband had petitioned, alleging unreasonable behaviour by his wife, the manageress of the hotel, but had "ruthlessly misled" the court.

He claimed that they only stayed in the same flat because they both worked there

In the second case, Mrs Veronica McLean, aged 59, won a divorce from her husband William, aged 51, in September 1982 on the ground of his unreasonable behaviour. The couple, of Clay Lane, Burtonwood, Warrington, married in 1964.

In the third case, Mr Grenville Jones, aged 57, and his wife, Mary, aged 52, of Crickley Drive, Warndon, Worcester, married in 1975 and were divorced last year.

However Mr Jones said last night that he and his wife called in the Queen's Proctor themselves through their solicitor because they no longer wanted to be divorced. "I never said anything in evidence to suggest that either I or my wife had moved out of our home and I have told nothing but the truth all the way through," he said.

● New divorce laws could come into force in England and Wales earlier than expected (the Press Association reports).

The Commons standing committee considering the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill yesterday completed its sitting two weeks early enabling the Government to implement a timetable which would make the Bill law by September.

Hattersley criticizes party over unconvincing quick remedy for unemployment

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour Party, said yesterday that it was no longer convincing for the party to assert that a massive increase in demand would be an automatic remedy for unemployment.

Labour was well aware of the constraints on reflation, he said. "There can be no dash for growth."

Mr Hattersley, who was speaking to the Ruskin Fellowship at the House of Commons, said that the next election would be fought on the rival parties' capacity to manage the economy. A party which provided an inadequate or unconvincing response to the unemployment crisis would not win.

The public doubted Labour's capacity for two reasons. One was the party's apparent inability to offer a convincing alternative counter-inflation policy. The other was the impression it had sometimes given that full employment would be easily achieved.

After five years of recession and decline it would be much more difficult to get Britain back to work in 1988 than it would have been in 1983.

(At the general election last year Labour set itself the target in government of reducing unemployment to below a million within five years of taking office. Its manifesto said: "Economic expansion will make it possible to end the waste of mass unemployment".)

But Mr Hattersley's prescription, although offered with more caution, was the same as before. Reversing government policies was not enough, but an essential beginning was a substantial increase in demand and an exchange rate policy which did not penalize exporters and assist importers.

There must be "sensible" fiscal and monetary policy, yet to be developed, instead of the abstraction of the present medium term financial strategy.

There must be infrastructure spending on roads, railways and housing, an expansion of training, and more public funds for research and development.

The expansion of the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement would have to be channelled to areas which most readily generated employment, and where unemployment was highest.

A general reflation would back positive steps to promote employment-creating projects.

Mr Hattersley placed a new emphasis on the need for a "vigorous competition policy" to improve the performance of the economy, within a framework of indicative planning.

Air power boosted in defence spending

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Air power is getting the lion's share of spending on new equipment for the armed forces this year.

The Statement on the Defence Estimates for 1984–85 shows that £3,303m, or 39 per cent, of the Ministry of Defence's spending on the development and procurement of hardware will be on air equipment. That compares with £2,222m for sea equipment and £1,705m for land equipment.

Heavy spending on air power largely reflects the continuing programme to equip the Royal Air Force with 385 Tornado aircraft.

The expense of operating highly sophisticated equipment by the RAF and Royal Navy is reflected in the cost of maintaining their combat and general purpose forces.

The White Paper, which was published on Monday, shows that the cost of maintaining the Navy's combat forces this year is estimated at £2,493m, with £2,823m for the Army and £3,409m for the RAF. These figures relate to about 43,000 sailors, 116,000 soldiers and nearly 59,000 airmen, and spending works out around £57,000 per man for the navy and air force, and £24,000 for the army.

The differences are almost entirely explained by the more capital intensive nature of the air force's and navy's activities.

Statement on the Defence Estimates. Cd 9227 vol 1 and 2. (Stationary Office, £4 and £4.50 respectively).

Action to clear court backlog

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

Cuts in the backlog of cases going to the crown court for trial are expected after government proposals announced yesterday to bring in Section 48 of the Criminal Law Act, 1977.

Under the section, which lawyers, magistrates, and justices' clerks have long been pressing the Government to implement, the prosecution will be required to disclose its case to the defence before the defendant chooses between trial by jury or by magistrates.

Many defendants opt for crown court trial because they do not know the strength of the prosecution's case.

The decision, announced by Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, in a parliamentary answer, comes after experiments in advance disclosure of the prosecution case in Newcastle upon Tyne and in the Metropolitan area.

Land Rover unions end Cardiff fight

By Our Motoring Correspondent

Union plans to fight the closure of Land Rover's Cardiff plant have been withdrawn, although the BL company is unable to match the redundancy payments of up to £30,000 made to steel and mine workers in South Wales.

Cardiff is one of nine satellite plants earmarked for closure by Land Rover, to concentrate production on a single site at Solihull, West Midlands.

Capacity will be almost doubled by reopening the adjoining Rover car factory which was "mothballed" three years ago after Rover car production moved to Cowley, near Oxford.

Alternative jobs are available at Solihull for all but 1,500 of the 5,000 Cardiff workers affected.

Opera house architects shortlisted

By Our Architecture Correspondent

Three British and one Canadian architect have been shortlisted by the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, for a £55m modernization and extension on an adjoining site.

They are: Richard Rogers & Partners, architects of the new Lloyd's headquarters in the City of London and (with Renzo Piano) the Pompidou Centre, Paris; Building Design Partnership, with Jeremy Dixon; Edward Cullinan Architects; and Jack Diamond, of A. J. Diamond & Partners, Toronto.

A final choice will be made on June 26.

The four were selected from a shortlist of eight, which included Ahrends, Burton & Koralek, designers of the controversial extension plan to the National Gallery

Arthritis drugs ban confirmed

Two anti-arthritis drugs, Tanderil and Tandacote, are to be banned on safety grounds, after an appeal to the Medicines Commission against their ban failed.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, announced yesterday that the commission had confirmed the advice of the Committee of Safety of Medicines that they should be withdrawn.

Geigy Pharmaceuticals, the manufacturer, is writing to chemists by May 18 telling them to return stocks for reimbursement by June 8. Doctors are being advised the products are no longer available.

Four contesting poetry chair

Two more candidates are seeking election as Professor of Poetry at Oxford University. They are Professor Frank Prince, aged 71, poet and retired academic from Southampton, and Mr Gavin Ewart, aged 68, poet and former advertising copywriter, who lives in London.

The favourite for the chair, contested every five years, is Mr Peter Levi. The only other candidate so far is Mr James Fenton.

Correction

The passenger ships of Bibby Line, of Liverpool, served Rangoon, not Bombay, as stated on May 1.

Inventors busy for tomorrow's world

By Robin Young

The number of filed patent applications has fallen by more than a third since 1978 and, contrary to expectations, fell more last year than it did in 1982.

This does not, happily, mean that the British are any less inventive than they were, only that more applications are going to the expanding European Patent Office.

Indeed in his annual report Mr Ivor Davis, Comptroller-General of the Patent Office, remakrs that the 34,691 requests for patents last year showed that inventors are still active "accross many areas of technoloty".

The number of applications from British residents, at 19,893, was slightly down on 1982, when there were 20,530, but represented a higher proportion (57 per cent as against 55 per cent in 1982) of the total of applications received.

Analysis of the 21,080 patents published during the year suggested that medicine, automation, environmental conservation and telecommunications were areas in which inventors were particularly active.

In the pharmaceutical field interest focused particularly on novel organic compounds useful in treating thrombosis, asthma and peptic ulcers; on the search for broad-spectrum antibiotics; in finding analogues to use against penicillin-resistant strains; and on advances in anti-tumour agents.

Interest also grew in cleaning blood, either during operations or in treatment of kidney complaints.

Computer controls were increasingly used for industry to speed tool-changing and material handling, and in cars, where increased attention was also given to accommodating the disabled

Patents, Designs and Trade Marks 1983, 101st Report of the Comptroller-General, HC 412, Stationery Office, £5.90.



Lord Jermyn, aged 29, who has returned from tax exile in New York to live at his family home in Ickworth, Suffolk, with his fiancée Francesca, aged 20, yesterday.

Fear of political blacklist unites Civil Service union

From David Felton Labour Correspondent, Brighton

Civil servants will resist any government attempt to monitor or control the activities of staff who belong to organizations opposed to government policy, union leaders warned last night.

Delegates to the Civil and Public Services Association conference heard that there had been instances of union activists being questioned by department managers about their political beliefs and work, and warned that their career prospects could be harmed.

The union's concern is based on a leaked Ministry of Defence document which suggests establishing a register of civil servants' political beliefs if they are thought to oppose the Government. The union fears that the first drive would be against those MoD staff who are members of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

The issue provoved a rare display of unity at the Brighton conference, with the moderate CPSA leadership backing left wing delegates' calls for a campaign against a political register. Mr John Ellis, the deputy general secretary, warned: "If the Government wants to be deceitful, they are going to face one hell of an explosion in the Civil Service over political freedom.

Ms Fiona Hambidge, a delegate from the Department of Employment, said union members had been warned after writing letters to MPs complaining of government policy on the Civil Service. Union material about employment legislation had been taken down from notice boards by managers.

"To use the words of one MP, we are not asking for *Carte blanche* for spies. We are asking for what is right and proper. The Civil Service may be our employer but that is all they are: they are not the keepers of our consciences," she said.

Mr Ellis said the Government's attempts to control civil servants' political activities was based on the principle of maintaining the service's reputation for impartiality. The natural consequence of senior officials' arguments would be that trade union officials could not implement any decision of the annual conference because of their political cohtent.

The CPSA will now join other Civil Service unions in seeking fresh talks with the Treasury with the aim of securing a commitment not to introduce a register of civil servants holding extreme political views. They will also press for a relaxation of other political controls on government staff, and are likely to discuss the restrictions which currently affect civil servants' ability to campaign activley in local or general elections.

The 95,000-strong Society of Civil and Public Servants had decided to step up its campaign for a pay rise of at least 7%. The union, which is Britain's second largest in the Civil Service field, has already rejected the Government's offer of up to 4%.

Delegates at the society's annual conference in Blackpool yesterday supported the claim submitted by the Council of Civil Service Unions for 7% or £7 a week.

The conference carried a motion which branded the plans a contiuuation of the Government's attack on the rights of civil servants to independent trade union representation.

Test-tube clinics 'need controls'

From Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent Helsinki

Test-tube baby clinics should be open to inspection and subject to government controls similar to those imposed on abortion clinics, to protect both the patients and the medical profession, a leading consultant said yesterday.

Mr Robert Winston, who delivered the first test-tube baby quads in Britain two weeks ago, said that he felt it was "absolutely vital" that some regulation of clinics be introduced.

He feared that in vitro fertilization had become so fashionable internationally that many of the people now becoming involved in practising it did not have the necessary scientific background or training.

Mr Winston said that there was a real risk that some private clinics might be set up which were not properly qualified. There were already serious problems in the United States, where in a few cases patients were being overcharged and given second-rate treatment.

Mr Winston, who is director of the infertility clinic at Hammersmith Hospital, west London, was speaking in Helsinki, where he is attending a world congress on in vitro fertilization.

"I hope that some form of surveillance of all the units doing IVF in Britain will be recommended to the Government by the Warnock committee", he said. The committee is due to report next month on the ethical, legal and social implications of in vitro fertilization treatment.

Mr Winston said that he favoured clinics being open to inspection and notifying the Department of Health of their work in the same way as abortion clinics.

Government 'acting like crooks' on GLC

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The concern of some of the Conservative Party's professional staff over the Government's plans to abolish next year's elections to the Greater London Council and the metropolitan counties was made forcefully plain to Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Secretary of State for the Environment, yesterday.

Mr Jenkin had called a meeting of the Party's London agents and other senior London Conservatives at Central Office to give them the message that they should now go on the offensive over the Government's abolition plan to counter the expensive propaganda campaign being waged against it by Mr Kenneth Livingstone.

But at a 45-minute question session after his speech the misgivings which senior Tories like Mr Edward Heath, Mr Francis Pym and Sir Ian Gilmour have expressed over the route being taken towards abolition, with the so-called "paving Bill" to cancel next year's elections, were echoed.

Perhaps the most outspoken criticism at the private meeting came from a south London Conservative who suggested that the Government was acting "like crooks".

Although no personal hostility was shown to Mr Jenkin concern was voiced that the Government had "tarnished its reputation" and was being undemocratic by putting in representatives from the London boroughs to run the GLC in the final year of its life, thus changing the overall political control from Labour to the Conservatives.

● A new attempt to end the worsening dispute between the Government and Liverpool City Council will be made tomorrow by Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman in Parliament on the environment.

He will put proposals at a meeting attended by Mr Jenkin and six members of the council's ruling Labour group.

● The price of coal is certain to rise if the long-awaited recommendations, published yesterday, of a Government-commissioned inquiry into the payment of compensation for mining subsidence damage are implemented.

Lone Arctic walker is due home tomorrow

Arctic hero, David Hempleman-Adams was yesterday enjoying a well-earned rest after being flown back from the magnetic North Pole. He became the first man to reach the Pole alone on foot, after 22 days walking across the frozen sea.

When Mr Hempleman-Adams, aged 27, arrived back at base camp at Resolute, northern Canada, he said: "I'm really elated – it's terrific. I just don't know what day it is.

"Right now I'm going to have a shower and get to bed. I had to put in 15 miles walking in a day to finish it."

In his home town of Bristol, Mr Hempleman-Adams's girlfriend Ms Claire Brooks, 22, said: My main feeling is of relief that he is safe and it is over."

Mr Hempleman-Adams was expected to arrive in Bristol tomorrow. His spokesman there, Mr Nick Schoon, revealed that he now hopes to make another attempt at walking alone to the true North Pole. His attempt last year failed.

YTS loses support of union

From Our Labour Correspondent

A second large union yesterday agreed to withdraw cooperation from the Government's £1,000m Youth Training Scheme and raise the question of whether a programme for 4,000 young people in the Civil Service will ever get off the ground.

The Civil and Public Services Association's conference ignored warnings from its leadership that a block on the YTS would put at risk the jobs of 4,000 union members in the Manpower Services Commission who operate the scheme.

On Monday the Union of Communication Workers decided to withdraw cooperation from the Youth Training Scheme in the Post Office which was also expected to provide for 4,000 young people.

The Civil Service scheme has been held in abeyance because of the refusal of CPSA members in the Cabinet Office to allow two young people work inside 10 Downing Street under the national scheme which provides a year's on-the-job training for unemployed school leavers who are paid £25 a week.

An agreement between the Government and all Civil Service unions was reached last year on acceptance of the YTS despite the opposition of the CPSA. But the union leadership was criticized at the conference yesterday for pulling back from using a veto to block the scheme's introduction.

Yesterday's decision reflects a growing optimism among left wingers that their opposition to the scheme on the ground that it is "slave labour" is beginning to have an impact. That view, however, was criticized at the conference by Mr Dennis White, a Jobcentre manager, as "revolutionary Utopian talk".

Mr Alan Duxbury, of the Customs and Excise department, said the union ought to be aiming to secure extra real jobs in the Civil Service and that by accepting YTS it was abdicating that responsibility. "What these young people want is real jobs and we can deliver real jobs," he said.

London warm-up for bridge olympians

Londoners had a rare opportunity to see some of Europe's finest bridge players when Italy challenged Britain to a practice match at the New Acol Club over the weekend in advance of the October Olympiad at Seattle (a Bridge Correspondent writes).

Britain took a narrow lead at half time but an indifferent second half gave the Italians, headed by Benito Garozzo, often a world champion, a win by 31 imps over 112 boards.

The teams were:

Italy: B Garozzo and D de Falco; C Mosca and L Lauria; F Di Stefano and C Mariani. Great Britain: W Coyle and B Shenkin; R M Sheehan and I N Rose; C P Dixon and V Silverstone.

The first two pairs on each side have been nominated for the Olympiad.

Sale room

£77,000 for decadent symbolist's drawing

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The most famous watercolour by Felicien Rops, the Belgian symbolist painter and exponent of decadence, sold for 92,0000 francs (estimate 120,000-150,000) or £77,000 in Paris yesterday to a French private collector.

The drawing, "Pornokrates Ou La Femme au cochon", dates from 1878. It depicts a blindfold woman wearing long gloves and stockings but little else following a pig whose lead she holds as if it was that of a guide dog.

It is an exceptionally high price for a drawing and reflects Rops' *succes de scandale* at the time. The Goncourt brothers hailed him as "truly eloquent in depicting the cruel aspect of contemporary women", while Huysmans said that he had "penetrated Satanism".

The two-day auction was devoted to a collection of Rops' work formed by an ardent admirer, J L Burtin (1878-1940), a sculptor from Nancy, which realized about £250,000.

The artist's birthplace, Namur in Belgium, has a Musee Rops and the museum bought two distinguished pornographic drawings, "La Toilette à Cythère" at 135,000 francs (estimate 18,000-22,000) or £11,340 and "Mieux vaut de ris que de Larmes pour traire" at 110,000 francs (estimate 18,000-21,000) or £9,240.

In London, nineteenth century English drawings were in demand at Christie's where a watercolour sale, strong on the late century, totalled £254,626 with 11 per cent unsold.

The top price was £22,680 (estimate £15,000-£20,000) for Myles Birket Foster's "The Country Inn". Christie's claimed to have achieved an auction record for Burne Jones with a chalk drawing, "Chaucer in the Garden of Idleness", which sold for £13,500 (estimate £4,000-6,000) to the Fine Art Society.

Dutch nineteenth century paintings did not prove so popular, however, and Sotheby Mak van Waay's auction in Amsterdam was 36 per cent unsold, though notching up a total of £480,181.

Dales line may go private

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

One of Britain's most controversial railways, the Settle to Carlisle line, with its famous Ribblehead Viaduct, is likely to be privatized if British Rail is allowed to close it in the face of fierce opposition later this year.

A consortium of leisure, property, and steam railway interests is being formed to take over the 70-mile line and operate it as a year-round tourist attraction through the middle of what would become one of Europe's most impressive leisure parks.

The line runs through some of Britain's grandest scenery and the Ribblehead Viaduct is regarded as possibly the finest achievement of Victorian railway architecture.

But British Rail wants to close it because it loses money, and is duplicated by a faster and more heavily trafficked line to the west.

Closure proposals are to be considered by public inquiries in the autumn, and are already arousing vocal and deeply felt opposition.

A group of conservationists, including local authorities for the area, have comissioned a study from Edinburgh University, designed to show that the line would be viable, if BR made the right kind of effort.

The Government is highly embarrassed by the affair since there is a clear conflict between BR's commercial remit and the powerful conservationist (and much Conservative) sentiment.

Mr David Mitchell, parliamentary under secretary for Transport, who is due to visit the area on a fact-finding tour tomorrow, said last week: "I want to look at the line and understand the issues involved. I will not myself be entering into a public debate on the merits of BR's proposals. That would be quite wrong, because of my ministerial role in considering the case."

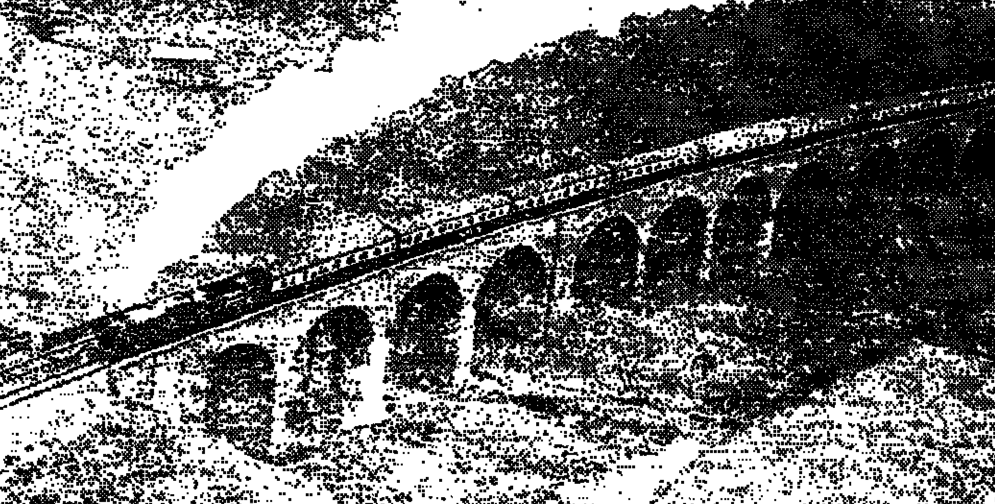
Viable proposals for privatization would clearly be a way of getting the Government of the hook by keeping the line open, while removing the burden from British Rail. That is the view of the consortium, too.

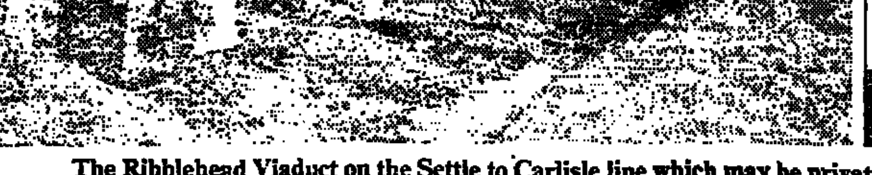
"The Friends of the Railway have done a magnificent job but it is a lost cause", Sian Johnson Associates, planning and marketing consultants to the consortium, said this week. "The energy should be going into developing the line for the future leisure industry, rather than trying to preserve the past."

Studies by Sian Johnson suggest an initial investment of £15m to £20m for the line, activity centres, hotels, restaurants and holiday accommodation. They predict over a million visitors a year. Up to twelve trains a day would operate up and down the line.

Operation of the line would be in the hands of Steamtown Railway Museum, at Carnforth, nearby.

Preliminary proposals for the Settle and Carlisle Railway (Sian Johnson and Associates, 345, Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8PX. £10).





The Ribblehead Viaduct on the Settle to Carlisle line which may be privatized

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 25; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 100

Banker's widow in fear of execution by KGB for 'betraying my country'

By John Witherow

Dennis Skinner, the British banker who died in a fall last year from his flat in Moscow, was in contact with both the KGB and British intelligence, his widow told an inquest in Croydon, Surrey, yesterday.

Mrs Lyudmilla Skinner, a Russian with British nationality, said that he had been in touch with British intelligence when he made visits to London.

In 1957 he had suggested that she be debriefed by the security services and, after she had signed the Official Secrets Act, they had given her a telephone number. Her husband, who was representative of the Midland Bank in Moscow, would ask her for the number when in London.

Mrs Skinner, aged 39, had told the corner's officer in an interview earlier this year that she feared for her life because she had thwarted 13 or 14 years of KGB operations.

"If I have to tell you the truth I will be executed," she told Bertrand Adams. "What I have done is betray my country. Here in Harrow is a woman who has thwarted the KGB: Over 13 years to be branded a woman who has crossed the KGB is highly dangerous."

Mrs Skinner became alarmed in the early 1970s after she told her future husband that the KGB wanted to make contact. She had advised him to leave Russia or end contacts with her but he had just laughed.

She said the KGB had told her they wanted to talk to him and believed that because he was being so open about his affair with her he wanted to contact them. She said that when the KGB approached her "and told me romance was in the air I thought I was going to be sent to Siberia.

Mrs Skinner, who at that time worked as Mr Skinner's secretary at International Computers, had told a Russian superior in 1970 that he said he knew how the Soviet Union could get computer parts which would normally not qualify for an export licence from the West.

He was soon having regular meetings with a KGB officer.

On Monday the inquest heard that Mr Skinner had established contact with a KGB officer called "Alec" on his second tour of duty between 1978 and 1983. Just before he died on June 17 he told British diplomats that he knew of a spy in the British security forces and that "Alec" had turned against him and wanted him arrested.

Yesterday Dr Mary McHugh, the south London coroner, heard that Mr Skinner also had regular meetings at the Sovietska hotel in the early 1970's with a man called "Boris" who, she believed, was a KGB officer.

Mr Skinner went to Moscow in 1968 for ICL and was contacted by the KGB within two years. He returned to London in 1974 with Lyudmilla



Mrs Lyudmilla Skinner, who was giving evidence at yesterday's inquest.

and was made MBE in the New Year's Honours.

In 1976 he told her he was returning to Moscow and had been trained as a banker and head received "some very highly specialized training".

Even though Mrs Skinner was reluctant they went back under "very controlled conditions. I can say no more about it but I'm sure you can read more into it", she had told Mr Adams. "There are pretty obvious conclusions to be ade about this second trip to Moscow but I cannot talk about this."

Mr Skinner was again approached by the KGB and set up contacts with "Alec". When his wife returned to London because to London of their two sons' education he would ask her for the intelligence service's number on his regular visits.

The inquest jury also heard from Dr Rufus Crompton, a pathologist, who had examined Mr Skinner's body and said that he "could not confirm or exclude injuries caused by assault".

Mr Skinner, who was aged 54, had received such severe injuries all over his body that they could not all have been caused by the impact after a fall from the eleventh floor flat.

Dr Crompton said the other injuries could have been caused by his hitting something on the waydown or by two falls.

Mr Skinner's body has been discovered without shoes and with a tracksuit top over his head.

Mr Skinner's former deputy in Moscow at the Midland Bank, Nicholas Burton, said that he had found diaries which showed that Mr Skinner was very unhappy and lonely, obsessed about his health and with drinking problem. But Mr Skinner was far from suicidal. The inquest was adjourned until today.

PC jailed for punch that split man's eye

A police constable who assaulted a businessman with such "chilling and calculated force" that it left him almost totally blind was sentenced yesterday to two years in jail, six months of which was suspended.

PC Brian Renton, aged 28, who had denied causing grievous bodily harm to Mr Barry Carliell, was found guilty by an 11-1 majority verdict by the jury at Southwark Crown Court, south London.

PC Renton, a former RAF boxer, punched Mr Carliell, aged 36, so hard that his eye was ruptured, the court was told.

Mr Carliell, of Burton Street, Bloomsbury, who only had 10 per cent vision in his right eye, had to have the left eye surgically removed. He was forced to give up his garage business and now lives on £29 a week social security.

After the "ferocious" attack at Islington police station, north London, PC Renton asked his colleagues to cover up for him when he saw the blood pouring from Mr Carliell's eye socket, the court was told.

The jury heard how Mr Carliell and a group of friends were arrested and taken to the police station after an argument with PC Renton who was sitting with colleagues at another table.

Judge Mota-Singh, QC told Renton, of Parkchurch House, Grosvenor Avenue, Highbury north London. This was a very serious assault and one might be forgiven for thinking that to some extent it was pre-planned.

"Those who abuse the trust of the community must expect to be punished appropriately."

Mr Lawrence Kershen, for the defence, told the court that PC Renton would be requesting solitary confinement in jail for his own protection.

On the day the trial opened, May 8, PC Renton's wife, WPC Julie Renton who is stationed at King's Cross police station received a bravery award at Bow Street police station.



Birthday balloon: Zara Phillips, daughter of Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips, leaving Minchinhampton nursery school, near Stroud, yesterday, after celebrating her third birthday with friends.

Drug label inquiry sought

Drugs and medicines that may harm unborn children should have clear warnings on their labels, Mr Michael Meacher, opposition spokesman for health and social security, said yesterday.

Calling for an investigation into drug labelling, he added that the only real protection was the family doctor's advice to women when drugs are prescribed.

Such advice could be forgotten, or not given properly.

Nursery criticized over death of baby left outdoors

By Rupert Morris

A baby girl aged three-and-a-half months died after being left outdoors unattended for four hours at a council nursery on a cold day in February.

A report of an inquiry into her death, published yesterday, severely criticized procedures at the day nursery, in the north London borough of Camden.

Mr Alan Woods, chairman of Camden social services, described the report as "very damning", and said that he was extremely disturbed by the findings. He would suggest to the social services committee, which meets tonight, that the recommendations of the inquiry should be implemented in full and without delay.

The inquiry, chaired by Dr Robert Dinwiddle, consultant paediatrician at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, pinpointed various failings which may have contributed to Betty Surgey's death at the Minster Road day nursery on February 16, and expressed particular concern that after her death was discovered, no attempt was made to revive her and it was nearly an hour later that an ambulance was called.

The inquiry found that Betty suffered a "cot death" (defined as the sudden, unaccountable death of an infant), but the fact that a three-and-a-half-month-old baby, just separated from her mother and beginning to be weaned, was left outside in a pram without being handled by an adult from 12.30 pm to 4.40 pm on a winter day when temperatures did not rise above 2.5°C (36°F) may have contributed to her death.

The report said that the baby was left outdoors for too long, in an exposed, windy, cold area; staff failed to appreciate the vulnerability of babies to cold weather and did not check on her properly, observing her only through a window.

The baby was handled by five different members of staff, who, the inquiry found, failed to take account of her difficulty in adjusting to a new regime away from her mother.

It said that when Betty was found dead, no attempt was made to resuscitate her and events after her death showed "a picture of total panic and confusion". Unqualified staff decided that death had occurred, and senior officers failed to notify the emergency services until 5.30 pm. They also left a junior officer to break the news to Betty's distraught mother.

The inquiry found that general supervison of the staff was "inadequate". They appeared to arrange matters among themselves, and senior staff failed to cover for shortages.

It found that no proper records were kept of children's sleeping, feeding or behaviour patterns,

The report said that Department of Health and Social Security guidelines of a 1:5 staff ratio for two-five-year-olds and 1:3 for the under-twos were found tobe barely adequate even with all staff present, and inadequate when sickness, leave or other absence was taken into account.

The inquiry panel recommended that the council should reconsider its policy of maximizing the number of day-care places available, and of admitting very young babies to day nurseries. The numbers attending Minster Road should be reduced, it said.

An inquest is to be held on Betty's death, before a jury, on June 26.

The officers involved, who had qualifications from the Nursery Nurse Examination Board, but no medical qualifications, were all interviewed by the police on the day of the incident. No charges were bought. Their names were being witheld by Camden Counc[il] yesterday because of possib[le] disciplinary proceedings.

Men's birth control role 'forgotten'

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Men need positive discrimination to encourage them to take a bigger part in contraception, a Family Planning Association report says today.

Too many family planning clinics are female territory, which embarrass men it says. Family doctors regard prescribing sheaths as beneath their dignity, and young married men, in particular, stand condemned whatever they do.

"If they risk making a woman pregnant they are accused of irresponsible and immoral selfishness; and if they try to obtain contraceptives the are accuse of being sexual libertines trying to escape the consequences of their behaviour."

The report, published with the Birth Control Trust, says that men are the forgotten partners in contraception. Yet they need to be given equality, to share responsibility for contraception and to develop the tender, caring and "unmanly" side of their personalitites, Mr Alastair Service, general secretary of the Family Planning Association, said.

There is evidence that women are increasingly dissatisfied with men as companions and confidants.

In the 1960s, the number of men divorcing wives equalled that of women divorcing husbands. Now three women divorce husbands for every man divorcing a wife.

The report says that while sheaths are the second most popular form of contraception, used by 2.8 million couples against 3.5 million on the pill, it is the only birth control for which most users have to pay.

The association is to campaign for GPs to be allowed to prescribe the sheath because it needs less medical supervision its cost is comparable to the pill.

Men, Sex and Contraception, (FPA and Birth Control Trust, 27-35 Mortimer Street, London W1N 7RJ).

Teenage sex blamed on media

Media reinforcement of traditional ideas on sexual roles may have contributed significantly to the increase in sexual activity among teenagers during the past twenty years, according to a report published yesterday by The National Council of Women of Great Britain.

"The macho 'James Bond' image of the tough but sophisticated and successful philanderer – or the aggressive 'he-man' philosophy promulgated in some or the sex and violence films etc over the last two decades – leads some teenage boys to the conclusion that in order to prove their masculinity they must either 'make it' with as many girls as possible".

The report entitled *Sex Education – Whose Responsibilty*, complains that too many parents still apply a double standard of sexual behaviour. "They consider it natural (and advantageous) for their sons to be sexually experienced – but not for their daughters.

Talks today on high-rise fire hazard

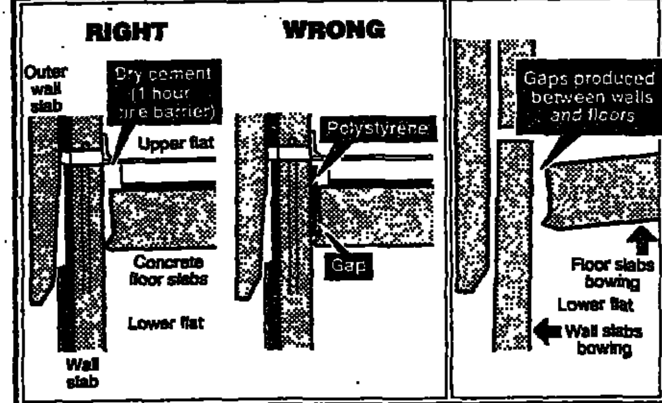
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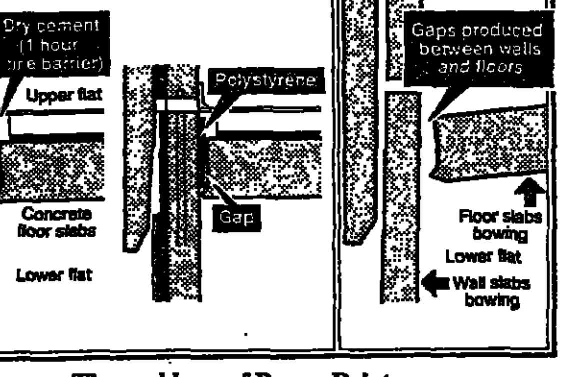
Tenants' representatives from eight tower blocks built on the same lines as the ill-fated Ronan Point are meeting tonight in Newham, east London, to discuss the partial evacuation of people who might be "vulnerable" in the event of fire.

Sixteen years ago Ronan Point caused five deaths and led to the partial collapse of the 22-storey block of flats.

All 97 Ronan Point families are being evacuated, because the council's engineers have confirmed an independent architect's report, which said that gaps had emerged in the structure, causing a fire risk.

The tenants meeting with members of Newham council is the first of a series planned to keep them informed about steps the council is taking to deal with the problems which have come to light.





The problems of Ronan Point

Mr Fred Jones, chairman of the housing committee, said yesterday that other tenants wanted to move out, but it would be impossible to evacuate all the blocks. The flats are being left empty as they become vacant.

Mr George Iley, director of engineering, said that he Government's Fire Research Station had approve temporary measures to overcome the immediate fire risk. Gaps have appeared between wall panels

Mr Sam Webb, the architect who drew up the report for the council, estimated yesterday that there are at least 5,000 flats in London alone built on the lines of Ronan Point which should be subject to an immediate structural survey.

Dictionary to computerize entries

By Alan Hamilton

The Oxford English Dictionary, from a, aa, aal, aan and aardvark, through 500,000 entries that terminate in zymurgy, is to be computerized.

It will take 120 keyboard operators 18 months to transcribe the 500 million characters in the 21,000 pages of the printed edition, and the most advanced computer will take 10 minutes to read it.

The store of knowledge upon which OED is based is stored in the office of Dr Robert Burchfield, its chief editor at the Oxford University Press. In 40 filing cabinets there are three million slips of paper, many in the copperplate of its original Victorian editor, James Murray.

Decay and change of language have accelerated so much that the filing cabinet and the printing press cannot keep pace. Dr Burchfield has been labouring for 28 years on the fourth and final supplement to the OED.

Putting the dictionary on computer (a word it first recorded in 1897) will enable OUP to publish an integrated edition, taking all the new words and usages recorded since the first supplement was published in 1933. That they hope to do in four years. But Dr Burchfield is aware that preparing the last of the traditional supplements took four times as long as he expected.

Computerization will also permit constant and immediate updating of words, and usages.

Subscribers to the computer will gain access to a dictionary which will be the largest and most up-to-date in any language, or they may buy it on tape or disk.

Dr Burchfield has kept abreast remarkably well with his filing cabinets; "zero option" will appear in his fourth supplement, to be published next year, "acid rain" posed no trouble; his Victorian predecessor recorded it with precisely today's meaning. Computerese such as "bit" and "megalbyte" are already relatively old hat.

The new venture, the New Oxford Dictionary, will cost OUP £7m, with a further £1m investment by the British subsidiary of IBM, and a £300,000 Department of Trade and Industry grant.

Much of the research, transcription, and program writing will be conducted by the University of Waterloo in Canada and by the United States computing subsidiary of Reed International.

The OUP sells 1,100 sets of the 12-volume dictionary and its supplements each year.

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Why Joseph opposes arbitration for teachers

EDUCATION

Industrial action by teachers was not in their own interests and damaged and disrupted pupils' education, **Sir Keith Joseph**, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said during questions in the Commons.

In reply to calls for the pay dispute to go to arbitration, he said that employers had already offered the teachers as much as they could afford and the arbitrator did not have the ability to provide more money.

I very much regret (he said) the teachers unions' rejection of the employers' 4½ per cent pay offer. I believe that offer to be a fair one. It strains to the limit the employers' ability to pay and it is for that reason that they have rightly refused arbitration.

I regret even more the damage and disruption to pupils' education now being caused by the teachers' industrial action. I cannot believe such action to be in the teachers' own interests and I hope that they will come recognize the 4½ per cent pay offer as reasonable and acceptable.

Mr Andrew Bennett (Denton and Reddish, Lab): Will Sir Keith Joseph not agree that he was concerned about standards in school. One of the key elements for these is having high morale among teachers, pupils and parents. His handling of this dispute has done irreparable damage to morale in schools.

Will he agree to send the whole issue to arbitration and ensure something is done to restore moral to teachers, pupils and parents?

Sir Keith Joseph: Arbitration will not solve this problem because employers have offered as much as possible – in many cases more than they can afford. The arbitrator cannot provide more money.

Mr Kevin Barron (Rother Valley, Lab) asked Sir Keith why he did not fight against the cuts in local authority spending.

Sir Keith Joseph: Because the Government of which I am a *member fought and on two elections* in 1979 and 1983 when the central plank in its platform was to bring public spending under control and to bring down inflation. We have done that in the interests of every person in this country.

We cannot now imperil this success by increasing public spending in order to give pay awards. That route would lead us right back to the inflation of the 1970s.

Mr James Callaghan (Heywood and Middleton, Lab) said 60 per cent of teachers earned less than £10,000 a year. It took scale one and scale two teachers 14 years to reach *the maximum of £8,000 to £9,000.*

He asked for the issue to go to arbitration as these figures compared unfavourably with other professions, such as the police.

Sir Keigh Joseph repeated that this would be no solution.

Mr George Walden (Buckingham, C): Teaching is a profession and the three main characteristics are maintaining high standards; *adequate rewards; and no going on* strike.

Will Sir Keith therefore continue in his efforts to put together a package that will emphasize the raising of standards and the restructuring of teachers' salaries?

Sir Keith Joseph: Some such possibility is under discussion within the Burnham framework and I hope it will succeed in hammering out a rigorous system of teachers' assessment.

Teachers have and do benefit from a greater degree of job security than other groups.

Mrs Angela Rumbold (Mitcham and Morden, C) Sought reassurance for parents and young people who were anxious about the effects of the dispute on examinations.

Sir Keith Joseph: The evidence so far is that the children who have been taking examinations have not had their work disrupted and I hope, whatever happens in the future, this will continue.



Flannery: Young teachers' pay around £65

Mr Patrick Nicholls (Teignbridge, C): Whatever the present position may be, in the end GCE and CSE examinations will be affected. Is it not deplorable that, irrespective of the rights and wrongs of this dispute, teachers should so abuse their pupils' interests as to use them *as so many bargaining counters in a* pay dispute? Should not their deplorable conduct be condemned on both sides of this House?

Sir Keith Joseph: The teachers are not doing themselves any good by their present conduct. I deeply regret the disruption to children's *education, including those taking* examinations.

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab): Is it not a *disgraceful situation where the* teachers, one of the most orderly sections of the work force, have been provoked into strike action and a young teacher's net take-home pay is aroung £65? A policeman, for instance, with only three months training before he is in uniform and very slender qualifications com*pared with a teacher, whose training* is at least three years on top of the qualifications already held, is getting massively more money.

Sir Keith Joseph: Present pay, let alone the increase were the offer to be accepted, is at a level, I am told, which is *attracting candidates for* teacher training of the desired quality.

Mr Mark Fisher (Stoke-on-Trent Central, Lab): *Teachers' pay has* fallen 31 per cent below the level set by the Houghton Committee. The only fair and just thing for the Government to do is to have a phased return to decent levels – or is he not interested in rewarding the work of teachers, which he concedes is valuable and important to the country?

Sir Keith Joseph: A government cannot conduct its economic affairs to the benefit of all the people in this country if past relativities are sought to be frozen.

Sir Peter Emery (Honiton, C): Many authorities staying within the money available have tried to cut everything but teachers and the money available for them. If there is an increase above 4½ per cent, in many authorities there will have to be a reduction in teachers to cope with the extra award granted. That cannot be in anybody's interest.

Sir Keith Joseph: that might in *some cases be true of some* education authorities at 4½ per cent. Certainly if more were to be contemplated there would have to be reductions in such crucial elements of education as books and equipment and maintenance and even consideration of reducing the number of teachers.

Mr David Nellist (Coventry South East, Lab) said class sizes of over 30 meant teachers were doing not so much teaching as crowd control. If the minister was so concerned about education standards why did he not concede the pay award to the teachers? The police got 8.4 per cent. Were not teachers of equal value to the community?

Sir Keith Joseph: Classes of over 30 have been dwindling year by year and the pupil-teacher ratio is at record low levels.

Mr Mark Carlisle (Warrinton South, C): Not only is the pupil-teacher ratio both at secondary and *primary level at its lowest level*, it is considerably lower than the level this government inherited in 1979.

Sir Keith Josepn: He is entirely right. The pupil-teacher ratio is substantially better than was the case when the government came to office.

Mr Giles Radice, Opposition spokesman on education *(Durham* North, Lab): he said he would stand aloof from this dispute. Far from standing aloof, his own representatives on the Burnham committee have made a settlement far more difficult – most recently by voting, on his instructions, against artribution which is the accepted and constitutional way out of teachers' disputes.

Why is he now putting forward such weak arguments against *arbitration when only last year the* Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for the Environment were urging another public sector group,



Nicholls: Pupils used as bargaining counters

the water workers, to go to arbitration?

Sir Keith Joseph: It is tragic for the country that the Opposition seem to live in a utopia in which money is available without limit and without regard to the consequences.

Mr Radice: He has told the House why, despite the support of the Prime Minister for arbitration for the water workers last year, he is against arbitration this year. But *even if he is against it will he not call* in the representatives of the trade unions and the employers as a matter of urgency to discuss the dispute?

Sir Keith Joseph: No, but if any component of either group wishes to see me I will be glad to see them, though I cannot produce a magic wand and the dispute will be settled when the teachers decide the offer which is still on the table is a fair and realistic one.

● Later, during questions to the Prime Minister, **Mr Roy Hattersley**, deputy leader of the Labour Party asked Mrs Thatcher: Will she explain why the Government has imposed what amounts to a veto on arbitration over the teachers' pay dispute? Why was she so passionate for arbitration in the water workers' dispute and why is she so opposed *to it now? Why does she prefer to* continue the conflict rather than end that dispute in an honourable, practical and sensible way?

Mrs Thatcher: I heard Sir Keith Joseph answer this question to the effect that the offer was the maximum amount which the taxpayer and ratepayer could afford.

The difference between that and the water workers is obvious. Any increase for the water workers could have been taken by one of three *methods – by price, efficiency or fall* in numbers, while for teachers increasing the amount could only be taken by a reduction in numbers.

Mr Hattersley: Would she make clear whether she is now opposed to arbitration in this particular case, or in general? There are many people who say she is opposed to arbitration in total because conflict rather than conciliation meets her party's needs.

Mrs Thatcher: Why does he ask that question when he just indicated I asked people to go to arbitration in a particular case.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, third reading. Motion for the spring adjournment. *Lords (2.30): Debates on energy* strategy; Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Immunity; and on the probation service.

Thatcher again declines to call in leaders

COAL DISPUTE

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, rejected a plea at question time in the Commons to intervene in the miners' dispute to get the parties round the table. She urged the miners to look at the case on its merits. The National Coal Board, she said, was getting new orders and it was up to the miners to take advantage of the opportunities presented.

Dr Brian Mawhinney (Peterborough, C) asked her: Has she read today the rejection of politically *motivated revolutionary campaigns* of industrial action by the general secretaries of the electricians' union and the CPSA? Does she agree this represents the view of the overwhelming majority of trade unionists and will she urge the miners' leaders that if they will not listen to her then at least they listen to their fellow trade unionists?

Mrs Thatcher: I agree with him. The fact is miners have already been offered a larger pay increase than that accepted by power and gas workers. I ask the miner to look at the thing on its merits not only their pay but also investment which is at an all-time record and so far there have been no compulsory redundancies and the redundancy payments are far better than ever provided under any previous government.

Mr Peter Rost (Erewash, C): Now that Mr Scargill has admitted he is manipulating an *industrial dispute* for the wider objective of overthrowing a democratically elected Government, would the Prime Minister invite to No 10 the Leader of the Opposition (Mr Neil Kinnock) and invite him to declare whether or not his party still believes...

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill): He must ask a question for which the Prime Minister has responsibility.

Mr Rost: Would the Prime Minister invite to No. 10, as one of her responsibilities, the Leader of the Opposition and ask him whether or not his party still believes in democratic Government by the ballot box?

Mrs Thatcher: No, but I ask the coal miners to look at the case on merit.

Mr David Maclean (Penrith and the Border, C): Given Arthur Scargill's declared intention to bring down the Government by *unconstitutional* means, aided and abetted by the Labour Party, what conclusion does the Prime Minister draw from the deafening silence of the Labour Party leadership to condemn such action?

Mrs Thatcher: I have frequently indicated that the Labour Party has always been the strikers' friend and appears to be in this case. There is a difference of opinion between one group of miners who are working and earning well to look after their families and giving the coal mining industry a good future by their faithfulness to producing coal when there are orders there. I suggest we follow their example.

Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse (Pontefract and Castleford, Lab): How many more pits are to be destroyed before she feels it is her responsibility to intervene in the miners' strike and get the parties round the table for responsible, *reasonable* and realistic talks? Or is she prepared to sit back and hope for an Galtieri type victory?



Maclean: Deafening silence of Labour leadership

Does she realize it is not a foreign aggressor or any individual president of the NUM or otherwise, it is the hard working people of the mining industry she is fighting.

These men's families and children are now suffering great financial hardship. Will she intervene or has she decided to starve them into defeat?

Mrs Thatcher: Some 50,000 miners are working and earning well to look after their families. I see only good prospects and a good future for the coal industry. This government has put more investment into the future of coal than any previous government and has done its stuff in providing external finance limits and put objectives for the future.

The NCB is getting extra orders; it now remains for the miners to take advantage of those opportunities.

Mr Peter Bottomley (Eltham, C) Given that the money for the coal industry runs to £1.5m per year per *constituency*, can she say why nurses and teachers in my constituency should be asked to supply greater subsidies to the mining industry when they are not willing to work for the earnings they are getting at the moment?

Mrs Thatcher: He has made a very cogent point. Workers in other industries, indeed taxpayers as a whole, have to put annually a considerable amount of subsidy into the coal mining industry.

It amounts to 75p to £1 for every taxpayer per week as subsidy to the coal mining industry, before they have begun to pay the price of coal or electricity.

Labour protests at plan for 96-hour detention

POLICE BILL

A provision in the Government Police and *Criminal Evidence Bill* meant that a person could disappear into police custody and be held incommunicado for 36 hours as might happen in a police state, **Mr Gerald Kaufman**, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said in the Commons when the report stage of the Bill was resumed.

He moved an Opposition new clause to restrict the power of the police to detain people in custody before they were charged.

The clause provided that an arrested person should not be kept in police detention for more than six hours from the time of arrest, subject to other provisions or that a magistrates' court could authorize detention for two further periods of not more than 12 hours each, but after a total of 30 hours a person had to be released.

Mr Kaufman said that unless the Labour proposal was accepted, there could be detention for 36 hours, solely on the judgment of the police and then detention up to 96 hours on the judgment of magistrates.

They were speaking of those not charged – innocent of any offence until proved guilty – and of people who might not be charged.

The Government was saying that *someone who was innocent of any* offence could be detained by police for 36 hours, incommunicado, without relative, friend, legal representative or magistrate, knowing.

The deprivation of the liberty of movement of an individual in a democratic society must only take place in the most exceptional circumstances. If somebody was held incommunicado without anybody outside the police having access to *him for this period, then* those very circumstances would create an environment in which somebody was going to confess to *something* he had not done simply to put an end to the circumstances in which he was being detained.

If the police with these additional powers were increasingly to rely on confessions to clear up crimes genuine investigation would take a back seat. The police should be required to produce evidence to *prove beyond peradventure that the* person accused of a crime had committed that crime.

In a democratic society no state organization should be allowed to deprive an individual citizen of his freedom without the greatest possible justification, and if that justification could not be provided the period of deprivation of freedom ought to be reduced to the minimum consonant with proper inquiries.

Mr Gerald Bermingham (St Helens South, Lab) said the House had never been given any justification *for the need* to be able to detain somebody for 96 hours without charge.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State, Home Office, intervened to say that before anyone could be kept in detention without charge for the maximum of 96 hours, he would have to go twice before a magistrates' court, with legal representation present, and the police would have to satisfy magistrates of the need for further detention.

Mr Bermingham said he knew how easy it was to wrap up the facts so as to present a case for detention. They *could say that the man* was believed to be concerned not only with this offence but with numerous interrelated and important inquiries; he might interfere with witnesses.

Mr Derek Spencer (Leicester South, C) said the new clause was totally misconceived. He had been a junior for 19 years, a silk for four years and a recorder sitting at the Central Criminal Court for four years. He was probably one of the few MPs who had taken part in a case in which defendents *had been kept in* coustody for more than 96 hours before being charged.

Labour MPs talked about the *dichotomy between interrogation* and investigation but in sensible police procedure interrogation was a part of legitimate investigation. They worked hand in hand. They were not mutually exclusive.

Mr Robert Maclean (Caithness and Sutherland, SDP) said the Alliance regarded this section of the Bill as the most obnoxious provision. *It* interfered with the right to silence. It was widely seen as the most unacceptable infringement in the Bill. It was quite out of line with international experience and shockingly out of line wiht experience in Scotland.

The new clause was rejected by 250 votes to 181 – Government majority, 69.

Union leaders 'ignored pleas for democracy'

UNION BILL

The Trade Union Bill had been made necessary because union leaders had time and again ignored the pleas of their members for democratic rights and the Government must not let those *members* down, **the Earl of Gowrie**, Minister of State Privy Council Office, said in opening the second reading debate on the Bill in the House of Lords.

The Bill, he said, formed part of the Government's programme of industrial relations reform which *was among the most significant of* its achievements and likely to be among the most enduring.

The absence of legislative safeguards in respect of union's internal affairs was remarkable when compared with other bodies. If their power had been used with restraint and they were truly democratic institutions fully responsive to the needs and wishes of members, the absence of legal safeguards would be easier to understand and defend. *But the trade union movement had* consistently failed to take the chances offered to democratise itself.

The Bill contained nothing that had not already been put into practice by one union or another; it did no more than extend the practice of the best to the rest of the trade union movement. In doing so it would ensure that unions were truly representative and defended their members real interests.

Lord McCarthy, from the Opposition front bench, said the Bill was a further assault on trade union rights. No one could say what the consequences would be of the legislation being used. It was ticking away like a time bomb.

The trade union movement was at the heart of a democratic society and *tyrants had always sought to* destroy it. Parts of the Bill were noxious and distasteful in the way they sought to use intimidation to direct the operation of trade unions.

Trade unions are above all British. They had the same mixture of myopia and morality that distinguished all British institutions.

They were no more obstinate than the Civil Service; no more incompetent than big business; no more ruthless than the British *Medical Association; no* more devious than the National Farmers' Union; no more narrow and sectarian than the Oxford and Cambridge colleges.

They were just as inefficient as Parliament; no more corrupt than political leaders; and at least as sober as journalists.

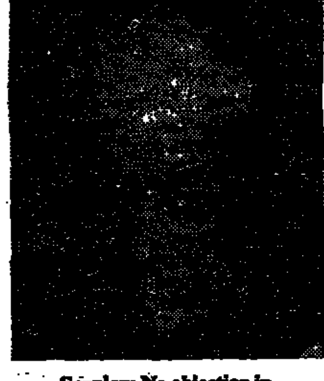
Lord Rochester (L) said the greatest defect of the Bill was its absence of any provision to improve human relations or bridge the gap between them and us in British industry.

Lord Scanlon (Lab) said he had no *objection to the principle of ballots.* He had been a full-time union official for 34 years and had had to fight for his survival every 12 months.

But it was up to the trade unions themselves to decide if this was what they wanted and not some legislative manoeuvring.

The voting for elections was low, but then so was the turn-out at annual meetings of shareholders.

If the Government thought it would get passive trade union officials as a result of postal ballots, it was making a big mistake. At a time of crisis it took a brave man to do the correct thing rather than the popular thing and that was one of the dangers inherent in the proposed legislation.



Scanlon: No objection in principle to ballots

Many, including himself, resented the implication in the Bill that somehow unionists en mass were moral cowards, unable or unwilling, to hold up their *hands* as to how they wanted a particular vote to go.

The Bill represented blatant political gerrymandering and legalistic excuses for financially bankrupting the Labour Party.

Success of assisted places scheme

Financial constraints at the moment appeared to rule out any significant enlargement of the assisted places scheme for schoolchildren. **Mr Robert Dunn**, Under Secretary of State for Education and Science, said during question time exchanges in the Commons.

He declared that the scheme had been *totally successful in helping* children from disadvantaged and poor homes

Looking at the current position (he said), in the 223 English schools participating in the assisted places scheme, 40 schools have less than 5 per cent assisted pupils, 80 have between 5 and 10 per cent, 93 have *between 10 and 20 per cent and the* remaining 10 schools have between 20 and 30 per cent.

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab), who opened the exchanges, said of the figures: This is a surprising outcome as most people think there are possibly one or two pupils on taxpayers' money in these schools, shoring up private schools and cutting the public, ordinary schools for our children.

It is disgraceful that public money – money which should be going to ordinary children – is being used in these schools at a time of cuts, cuts and cuts in other areas of the education system.

Mr Dunn: Mr Flannery's hostility towards this scheme is well known. It *was designed to help children* from disadvantaged and poor homes to have an education they would not normally receive. To that extent the scheme has been completely and totally successful.

Mr Stephen Dorrell (Loughborough, C): Will Mr Dunn look for all opportunities to increase the funds available for the assisted places scheme to ensure that the doors of these schools which were put into the private sector by the Labour Party continue to be open, and particularly to those parents who cannot afford to poay the full *fees the Labour Party imposed.*

Mr Dunn: I agree entirely with that statement. Financial constraints at the moment do appear to rule out any significant enlargement of the scheme. The matter of course will be kept under review.

Extension of tenants' exchange

Sir George Young, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, announced in a written reply: Following a review of the operation of the tenants exchange scheme, a number of changes will be introduced with effect from June 1 to make it more helpful to tenants. At the same time the Scheme will be extended to Scotland.

The right for secure tenants to exchange their homes, provided for in the Housing and Building Control Bill, is expected to come into effect during the summer.

Computer industry growth breeds advert complaints

By Robin Young

The rapid growth of the computer industry has led to "*recklessly misleading*" advertising and instances of "downright deception", the Advertising Standards Authority says in a report published today. One in five of all complaints made to the authority now concern computer advertising, and 55 of the 400 lodged last year were upheld.

The ASA says that many computer advertisements are publishedh when the advertiser cannot reasonably hope to supply the demand. Some computer compnies advertise products before they exist, the report says. The invite orders and receive money for goods they cannot supply for months.

The report says: "The authority is not satisfied that all publishers are making sufficiently thorough investigations *about availability of products* before agreeing to publish advertisements."

Some computer advertisements make claims which cannot be substantiated, the authority says, instancing one which made four unjustifiable claims.

The authority also says that advertisers often do not understand the technical jargon they use.

The report likens the development of software and peripherals to nineteenth-century "cottage industry". Anyone with enough knowledge can produce and market software, it says, but *if marketable quantities* cannot be achieved the promotional activities fall foul of the advertising code.

The ASA's most recent investigations include 21 complaints upheld against Sinclair Research. Twenty of them were for failure to fill mail orders for the Sinclair QL computer, advertised in January. Complainants were originally told orders would be fulfilled in 28 days.

The authority says Sinclair's original production targets were not high enough to warrant its advertising campaign, and criticizes the media for failing to foresee the likely supply shortage

Sinclair did, however, offer prompt refund. Some smaller companies in the ASA's case reports went out of business, leaving mail orders unfilled.



Young rescuers: Mark Lacey and Eleanor Evans. (Photograph: John Voos).

War stops Middle East patients visiting Britain

By Nicholas Timmins Social Services Correspondent

The Iran-Iraq war has led to a sharp decline in the number of patients from the Middle East countries coming to Britain for private medical care.

The numbers had already begun to fall amid complaints that London's exclusive private hospitals were overcharging in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Since the war began three and a half years ago, however, numbers have fallen much further, according to Mr Gene Burleson, chief executive *of American Medical* International (Ami), Britain's largest commercially based private hospital group.

"The money that used to go into the welfare chests is now going into the war chests", he said. "*Embassies that used to* have a lot of staff dealing with health care are now closing those sections down. It is not just the Iranis and Iraquis, but Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the Gulf states as well. The Egyptians are still coming, but the Middle East market as a *whole is drying up.*"

Three years ago, he said, 90 or 95 per cent of patients at the Princess Grace Hospital would have been from the Middle East, now it was only 10 per cent. In the Harley Street Clinic, *which chiefly deals with* overseas patients numbers were down to about 30 per cent.

The decline has been offset by the number of Greeks, Italians, Turks and Germans coming to Britain, Mr Burleson said.

'Domesday' plan to protect old farm barns

Farm barns, which include some of Britain's oldest buildings, are under increasing threat, according to a report published yesterday by the Society for the Protection of *Ancient Buildings.*

Many are disintegrating and in the first three months of this year the number of applications to demolish barns which are listed as being of architectural or historic interest was greater than for the whole of last year.

However, many have no protection at all and the society wants 10,000 volunteers to carry out "a Domesday survey of every barn built of traditional materials in England and Wales."

The society hopes that if the facts about the barns can be brought to the attention of the Department of the Environment they stand a better chance

Teenagers rewarded for bravery at sea

By Kenneth Gosling

Bravery at sea won awards for two teenagers who received inscribed wrist watches from the Queen Mother at a ceremony in London yesterday.

Mark Lacey, aged 15, and Eleanor Evans, aged 17, both from north Wales, were among seven people honoured by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Mark, who wants to be a lifeboatman, comes from Arthog, Gwynedd. Last July, returning from a trip in his 10ft inflatable dinghy, he saw a man fall into the sea a mile offshore.

Conditions were close to the limit for his craft but he pulled the man on board and, the RNLI said, saved him from almost certain death.

Eleanor Evans, who takes the helm of the Penrhos College rescue boat, is from Rhos-on-Sea, Clwyd. She helped in the rescue of two men and *two* boys from a capsized dinghy last February.

Her citation said that she skilfully crewed the inflatable rescue boat and sustained an unconscious boy with her body heat during the passage back to shore.

Britain 'in red' but for oil cash, Duke says

The Duke of Edinburgh told the centenary conference of the North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders in Newcastle upon Tyne yesterday that but for revenues from oil and gas Britain's manufacturing industries would be running up an adverse balance of payments of £13.6 bn.

He added that any prediction at the end of the Second World War that within 40 years Britain would have lost more than 50 per cent of her shipbuilding capacity and that Japan would be building about 50 per cent of the world's ships, would have been dismissed with derision.

'Prejudiced' article on Brent censured

An article in the *Daily Telegraph* was on an important and sensitive subject and called for careful research and checking, but evidently received neither, the Press Council says today. It was seriously inaccurate, confused and confusing and highly prejudicial, the council ruled.

The council upheld a complaint by Mr Martin Coleman, leader of the Labour group of Brent Council, north west London, that without checking the facts with the council's press office or with the councillors concerned the *Daily Telegraph* published an article containing damaging inaccuracies.

In a Notebook column headlined "Among the Brentish Fetishists", Roy Kerridge said parents were often invited to "forums on education" and complaints against schools were invited. Councillors grew furious praised a school and Mr Brian Stark, a council member said to be chairman of education, was quoted as snapping: "This is no time for complacency!"

Mr Stark was said to have turned up at a meeting with an egg in his pocket to throw at "racist" English mothers who were protesting against mother tongue teaching. Councillors had infuriated non-Indian parents by given the impression that English children would be taught in "Indian" and somehow turned into foreign immigrants, said Mr Kerridge.

The article said that in response some mothers confronted Mr Stark and his cronies with Union flags and singing "Land of hope and glory", and had eggs thrown at them and were given Sieg Heil salutes and a lecture on the multi-racial society.

At an oral inquiry Mr Stark said there had been two egg-throwing incidents but he had not thrown any, nor had he turned up at a meeting with an egg in his pocket. When the incident in question occurred he was out of the room and, on his return, was surprised when three women accused him of throwing an egg and then threw water over him.

Mr Coleman said the article contained so many factual inaccuracies that it ceased to be a fair representation of what was going on in Brent. It drew conclusions which were in no way justified and it caused serious harm in stirring up a degree of racial tension.

Mr William Deedes, editor of the *Daily Telegraph*, said he had received a letter of complaint from Mr Stark and replied saying he was prepared to entertain a letter hitting back at anything Mr Stark felt was unfair. Mr Stark said he could not respond as he was taking legal advice at the time.

Fight against anti-semitism

The Christian and Jewish communities of Scotland must combat "the evil of anti-semitism", The Church of Scotland and the Glasgow Jewish Representation Council said yesterday.

A joint statement issued in Glasgow also called for common action in suppoort of those deprived of the right to worship and to practise their religion in freedom.

The declaration on anti-Semitism is the result of 18 months of discussions between Church of Scotland ministers and leaders of 12,000-strong Jewish community in Scotland.

It was also announced that Mr Henry Tankel, president of the United Synagogue Council of Scotland, will address The Church of Scotland's *general* assembly next Tuesday – the first time a Jew will have spoken to the assembly since *1560.*

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS 84 | Counting delayed • Few dual mandates • MEP fights MEP

Candidates named for European Parliament elections on June 14

By Alan Wood

More than 270 candidates have been nominated for the elections on June 14 to return 81 United Kingdom members to the European Parliament.

With some voting due to take place on the Continent on the following Sunday, June 17, counting will not begin until 9pm that Sunday, with the majority of results being declared overnight and the remainder on Monday.

In England (66 seats), Scotland (eight seats) and Wales (for seats), the Conservative Party, the Labour Party and the Liberal/Social Democratic Alliance have candidates in each of the 78 seats, the parties to the Alliance having an exact split of 39 each.

The Scottish National Party is to fight each of the seats north of the border and in Wales, Plaid Cymru is contesting each seat. The Ecology Party has 16 contestants while another candidate is standing as Ecology/Christian.

Including their leader, Sir Henry Plumb (The Cotswolds), 47 of the present contingent of 60 Conservative MEPs are seeking reelection to the European Parliament. A few are not standing again while others have stood down as they became Westminster MPs in last year's general election. Only one Conservative is seeking a dual mandate: Mr Tom Normanton, MP for Cheadle, who is standing again for Cheshire East, which he won in 1979.

Mrs Barbara Castle, the former Labour Cabinet minister, leader of the 16 Labour MEPs in the Socialist group at the European Parliament, will have a tough campaign. Mrs Castle has represented Greater Manchester North since 1979, but boundary changes now take her to Greater Manchester West, where her opponent will be the Tory MEP for the present seat of tha name, Mr William Hopper.

The youngest of the 78 Labour candidates, of whom 11 are MEPs, is Mr Henry Bottomley, candidate for Cambridge and Bedfordshire North. Aged 21, he will be taking his mathematics finals at Cambridge University on June 4. Labour is fielding 11 women candidates, two fewer than the Conservatives.

Ulster's three MEPs, the Rev Ian Paisley (Democratic Unionist), Mr John David Taylor (Official Ulster Unionist) and Mr John Hume (Social Democratic and Labour Party), who are also MPs, are standing again in an election employing the single transferable voting system, the 17 Westminster constituencies being one constituency.

There are two other seats where MEP fights MEP: in East Kent, where Mr Christopher Jackson, the Conservative, faces Labour's Mr Derek Enright, who was not reselected for Leeds, and in Lancashire Central where Mr Michael Welsh, the sitting Tory, has Mr Michael Gallagher, former Labour, now SDP/Alliance, MEP fro Nottinghamshire, among his opponents.

The Scottish National Party's only MEP, Mrs Winifred Ewing, often known in the European Parliament as "Madame Ecosse", faces a repeat of her 1979 battle, for her Alliance opponent, now as then, is Mr Russell Johnson, the Liberal MP fro Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber, who was a member of the pre-1979 nominated European Parliament.

In 1979 Mrs Ewing had a majority of 3,882 and with but a minor boundary cange, the geneal election voting in the seven Westminster seats making up the European constituency gave the Alliance a higher total than the SNP.

Mrs Sheila Faith, who retired as tory MP for Belper last year, is fighting Cumbria and Lancashire North. Mr Leslie Huckfield, former MP for Nuneaton, who failed to get a seat last year, Mr Robet Cryer, defeated at Keighley, and Mr Stanley Newens, ae fighting Merseyside East, Sheffield, and London Central, respectively fo Labour.

Each British candidate has to deposit £600, so Conservatives, Labour and the Alliance have had to find £46,800. Permitted campaign expenses in each constituency amount to £8,000, plus 3½p for each name on the electoral register. For the average European constituency, total allowable expenses for a candidate have been estimated at around £26,000.

Principal abbreviations in the following list of nominations are: C – Conservative; Lab – Labour; L/All – Liberal/Alliance; SDP/All – Social Democratic/Alliance; SNP – Scottish National Party; Pl C – Plaid Cymru; Ecol – Ecology Party; Off UU – Official Ulster Unionist; Dem U – Democratic Unionist; SDLP – Social Democratic and Labour Party; PSF – Provisional Sinn Fein.

* denotes MEP seeking re-election. In the six seats with no boundary changes and seven seats with minor changes, the 1979 electorates and voting figures are given. The 1983 figures are last year's general election voting in the Westminster seats making up the Euro constituency.



Johnston (L/All) takes on Mrs Ewing (SNP)



ENGLAND

BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH

Electorate: 524,974

Luton South; Milton Keynes; North Hertfordshire; North Luton; South West Hertfordshire; Warford; Welwyn Hatfield.

*Beazley, P (C)
Cochrane, W (Lab)
Dixon, P (L/All)

1983 Total vote: 397,597 (77.0%). C 187,119 (47.1%): All 117,110 (29.4%): Lab 92,348 (23.2%): Others: 1,020 (0.5%).

BIRMINGHAM EAST

Electorate: 548,899

The Birmingham seats of Edgbaston, Erdington, Hall Green, Hodge Hill, Northfield, Selly Oak, Small Heath, Sparkbrook and Yardley.

*Forster, Miss N (C)
Crawley, Ms C (Lab)
Bennnett, D (SDP/All)
Howlett, Miss D (FJC)

1983 Total vote 373,089 (67.8%): C 150,087 (40.2%): Lab 149,268 (40.0%): All 70,719 (19.0%): Others 3,025 (0.8%).

BIRMINGHAM WEST

Electorate: 518,707

Aldridge-Brownhills; Birmingham Ladywood; Birmingham Perry Barr; Sutton Coldfield; Walsall North; Walsall South; West Bromwich East; West Bromwich West.

Hart, C. (C)
Tomlinson, J (Lab)
Binns, J (SDP/All)

1983 Total vote: 365,311 (70.1%). C 182,682 (42.0%): Lab 139,574 (38.4%): All 69,920 (19.2%): Others: 1,165 (0.4%).

BRISTOL

Electorate: 569,765

Bath; the Bristol seats of East, North West, South, and West; Kingswood; Northavon; Wansdyke.

*Cottrell, R (C)
Berry, R.L. (Lab)
Farley, P (SDP/All)

1983 Total vote: 423,746 (78.0%). C 191,607 (45.2%): Lab 116,709 (27.6%): All 111,534 (26.3%). C maj 74,898 (17.7%).

CAMBRIDGE AND BEDFORDSHIRE NORTH

Electorate: 523,899

Cambridge; Huntingdon; Mid Bedfordshire; North Bedfordshire; North East Cambridgeshire; Peterborough, South West Cambridgeshire.

*Catherwood, Sir F (C)
Bottomley, H (Lab)
Duff, A (L/All)

1983 Total vote 386,313 (74.9%): C 197,728 (51.2%): All 117,382 (30.4%): Lab 69,463 (18.0%): Others 1,1740 (0.4%)

CHESHIRE EAST

Electorate: 498,568

Congleton; Crewe and Nantwich; Macclesfield; Staffordshire Moorlands; Tatton; Warrington North; Warrington South.

*Normanton, T (C)
Stephenson, A (Lab)
Corbett, J (SDP/All)

1983 Total vote: 369,497 (76.0%). C 174,446 (47.2%): Lab 101,693 (27.5%): All 92,160 (25.0%): Others 1,158 (0.3%)

CHESHIRE WEST

Electorate: 539,761

Birkenhead; City of Chester; Eddisbury; Ellesmere Port and Neston; Halton; Wallasey; Wirral South; Wirral West.

*Pearce, A (C)
Hansom, D.G. (Lab)
Owen, E (SDP/All)

1983 Total vote: 395,575 (73.3%). C 179,777 (45.4%): Lab 126,412 (32.0%): All 89,049 (22.5%): Others 337 (0.1%).

CLEVELAND AND YORKSHIRE NORTH

Electorate: 566,083

Hartlepool; Langbaurgh; Middlesborough; Redcar; Richmond (Yorks); Skipton and Ripon; Stockton North; Stockton South.

*Vanneck, Sir P (C)
Tinnion, P.F. (Lab)
Beever, C. (SDP/All)

1983 Total vote 399,886 (71.2%): C 169,792 (43.0%): Lab 121,209 (30.3%): All 108,473 (27.1%): Others 412 (0.1%).

CORNWALL AND PLYMOUTH (Same)

Electorate: 506,004 (489,803)

Falmouth and Camborne; North Cornwall; Plymouth Devonport; Plymouth Drake; Plymouth Sutton; St Ives; South East Cornwall; Truro.

Beazley, C (C)
Cosgrove, J. (Lab)
Marks, J (SDP/All)
Whetter, J (CAEF)
Parkyn, A (Ind)
Trevallim, R (Ind)

1983 Total vote: 392,597 (77.9%). C 191,946 (48.6%): Lab 47,142 (12.0%): All 149,857 (38.2%): Others 3,652 (0.9%).

COTSWOLDS, THE

Electorate: 527,081

Banbury; Cheltenham; Cirencester and Tewkesbury; Gloucester; Stratford-on-Avon; Stroud; Witney.

*Plumb Sir H. (C)
Royall Mrs J.A. (Lab)
Burton, Miss M. (L/All)

1983 Total vote 390,965 (75.3%): C 210,561 (53.9%): All 122,112 (31.2%): Lab 56,691 (14.5%): Others 1,601 (0.4%). C maj 88,449 (22.6%).

CUMBRIA AND LANCASHIRE NORTH (Minor)

Electorate: 547,433 (531,948)

Barrow and Furness; Carlisle; Copeland; Lancaster; Morecambe and Lunesdale; Penrith and the Border; Westmoreland and Lonsdale; Workington; Wyre.

Faith, Mrs I. S. (C)
Atkinson, J R (Lab)
Brooks, Mrs K. C. (L/All)

1979 Total vote: 185,183 (34.8%). C 104,471 (56.4%): Lab 62,485 (33.7%): L 16,631 (9.0%): Others 1,596 (0.9%). C maj 41,986 (22.7%).

1983 Total vote: 410,030 (76.2%). C 197,767 (48.2%): Lab 113,876 (27.8%): All 97,274 (23.7%). C maj 83,891 (20.5%).

DERBYSHIRE

Electorate: 553,020

Amber Valley; Ashfield; Bolsover; Derby North; Derby South; Erewash; High Peak; West Derbyshire.

*Spencer, T (C)
Hoon, G W (Lab)
Elles, Miss J (SDP/All)

1983 Total vote: 409,605 (74.5%). C 169,387 (41.4%): Lab 141,025 (34.4%): All 93,882 (22.9%): Others 5,311 (1.3%). C maj 28,362 (6.9%).

DEVON (Same)

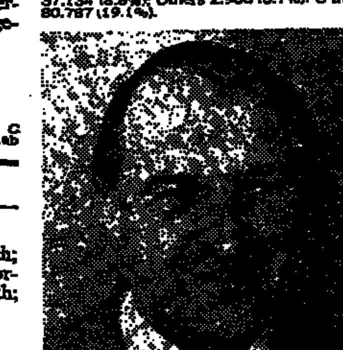
Electorate: 560,807 (533,237)

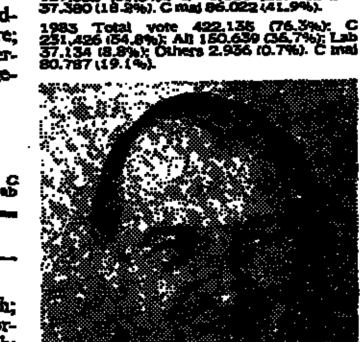
Exeter; Honiton; North Devon; South Hams; Teignbridge; Tiverton; Torbay; Torridge and West Devon.

*O'Hagan, Lord (C)
Gorbutt, D. A. (Lab)
Driver, P. (L/All)
Christie, P. (Ecol)
Rous, Lady (Wes Reg)

1979 Total vote 205,422 (38.5%): C 127,032 (61.8%): L 41,010 (20.0%): Lab 37,380 (18.2%). C maj 86,022 (41.9%).

1983 Total vote 422,135 (76.3%): C 251,426 (54.8%): All 150,639 (35.7%): Lab 37,134 (8.8%): Others 2,936 (0.7%). C maj 80,787 (19.1%).





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DORSET EAST AND HAMPSHIRE WEST

Electorate: 565,709

Bournemouth East; Bournemouth West; Christchurch; New Forest; North Dorset; Poole; Romsey and Waterside; South Dorset.

Cassidy, B. (C)
James, D. T. (Lab)
Goss, J (L/All)

1983 Total vote: 403,500 (72.6%). C 238,929 (59.2%): All 118,952 (29.5%): Lab 40,675 (29.5%): Others 4,944 (1.2%). C maj 119,997 (29.7%).

DURHAM

Electorate: 530,104

Bishop Auckland; Blaydon; City of Durham; Darlington; Easington; North Durham; North West Durham; Sedgefield.

Hughes, S. S. (Lab)
Fletcher-Vane, R. (C)
Foote Wood, C. (L/All)

1983 Total vote 383,472 (72.6%). Lab 174,146 (46.4%): C 116,038 (30.3%): All 92,882 (24.2%): Others 406 (0.1%). Lab maj 58,108 (15.2%).

ESSEX NORTH EAST

Electorate: 574,022

Braintree; Harwich; North Colchester; Rochford; Saffron Walden; South Colchester and Malden; Southend East; Southend West.

*Curry, D. M. (C)
Stapleton, B. L. (Lab)
Ross, A. E. (SDP/All)

1983 Total vote: 411,930 (72.7%). C 226,868 (56.0%): All 126,337 (30.6%): Lab 58,228 (14.1%): Others 797 (0.3%). C maj 100,231 (24.3%).

ESSEX SOUTH WEST

Electorate: 557,704

Basildon; Billericay; Brentwood and Ongar; Castle Point; Chelmsford; Epping Forest; Harlow; Thurrock.

*Sherlock, Dr A. (C)
O'Brien, C (Lab)
Morris A (L/All)

1983 Total vote: 405,924 (72.0%). C 198,364 (48.9%): All 117,342 (28.9%): Lab 87,372 (21.5%): Others 2,846 (0.7%). C maj 81,022 (19.9%)

GREATER MANCHESTER CENTRAL

Electorate: 507,941

Altrincham and Sale; Davyhulme; the Manchester seats of Blackley, Central, Gorton, Withington, and Wythenshawe; Stretford.

Newman, E. (Lab)
Sewell, T. (C)
Wedell, G (L/All)
Merton, K (Ind)

1983 Total vote 353,188 (69.6%). Lab 147,672 (41.8%): C 126,918 (35.9%): All 75,974 (21.5%): Others 2,594 (0.8%). Lab maj 20,754 (5.9%).

GREATER MANCHESTER EAST

Electorate: 510,586

Ashton under Lyne; Cheadle; Denton and Reddish; Hazel Grove; Oldham Central and Royton; Oldham West; Stalybridge and Hyde; Stockport.

Thornber K (C)
Ford, J. G. (Lab)
Gaskin, Ms B (SDP/All)
Shipley, M. J. (Ecol)

1983 Total vote: 369,263 (72.5%). C 147,129 (39.8%): Lab 123,388 (33.4%). All 97,302 (26.4%): Others 1,444 (0.4%). C maj 23,741 (6.4%).

GREATER MANCHESTER WEST

Electorate: 528,896

Bolton North East; Bolton South East; Bolton West; Bury North; Bury South; Eccles; Salford East; Worsley.

*Castle, Mrs B (Lab)
*Hopper, W. (C)
Boddy, J (SDP/All)

1983 Total vote: 390,397 (74.2%). Lab 161,573 (41.4%): C 149,242 (38.2%): All 78,094 (20.0%): Others 1,488 (0.4%). Lab maj 12,331 (3.2%).

HAMPSHIRE CENTRAL

Electorate: 524,649

Aldershot; Basingstoke; Eastleigh; North West Hampshire; Southampton Itchen; Southampton Test; Winchester.

*de Ferranti, B. (C)
Castle, M. V. (Lab)
Jacob, F. (SDP/All)

1983 Total vote 387,073 (74.8%). C 198,608 (51.3%): All 120,408 (31.1%): Lab 67,558 (17.5%): Others 499 (0.1%). C maj 78,200 (20.2%).

HEREFORD AND WORCESTER (Same)

Electorate: 560,654 (522,406)

Bromsgrove; Hereford; Leominster; Mid Worcestershire; South Worcestershire; West Gloucestershire; Worcester; Wyre Forest.

*Scott-Hopkins, Sir J. (C)
Nielson, P. E. S. (Lab)
Phillips, D (L/All)
Norman, Mrs F (Ecol)

1979 Total vote: 181,680 (34.8%). C 106,271 (58.5%): Lab 49,988 (27.5%): L 25,421 (14.0%). C maj 56,383 (31.0%).

1983 Total vote: 414,542 (76.2%). C 216,807 (52.4%): All 125,553 (30.3%): Lab 68,562 (16.5%) Others 3,420 (0.8%). C maj 91,254 (22.1%).

HERTFORDSHIRE

Electorate: 505,206

Broxbourne; Hertford and Stortford; Hertsmere; St Albans; South West Hertfordshire; Watford; Welwyn Hatfield.

*Prag, D. (C)
McWalter, A. (Lab)
Beckett, Mrs F. (SDP/All)

1983 Total vote 381,359 (76.1%). C 200,659 (52.6%): All 110,387 (28.9%): Lab 67,853 (17.8%): Others 2,460 (0.7%). C maj 90,272 (23.7%).

HUMBERSIDE

Electorate: 503,080

Beverley; Bridlington; Brigg and Cleethorpes; Great Grimsby; Hill East; Hull North; Hull West.

*Battersby, R (C)
Crampton, P. D. (Lab)
Unwin, W (SDP/All)

1983 Total vote: 351,408 (70.2%). C 149,894 (42.6%): Lab 104,366 (29.7%): All 96,423 (27.4%): Others 1,025 (0.3%). C maj 45,228 (12.9%).

KENT EAST (Minor)

Electorate: 554,808

Ashford; Canterbury; Dover; Faversham; Folkestone and Hythe; Maidstone; North Thanet; South Thanet.

*Jackson, C. (C)
*Enright, D. (Lab)
Kinch, A. (SDP/All)
Dawe, S. (Ecol)

1979 Total vote 181,305 (32.4%). C 117,267 (64.8%): Lab 40,060 (22.1%): L 20,190 (11.1%): Others 3,788 (2.1%). C maj 77,207 (42.6%).

1983 Total vote 450,849 (72.3%). C 247,785 (55.0%): All 126,034 (28.0%): Lab 73,370 (16.3%): Others 3,690 (0.7%).

KENT WEST

Electorate: 565,693

Dartford; Gillingham; Gravesham; Medway; Mid Kent; Sevenoaks; Tonbridge and Malling; Tunbridge Wells.

*Patterson, B. (C)
Woodhams, A. (Lab)
Billenness, P. (L/All)
Bunyan, Ms C. (Ecol)

1983 Total vote 361,234 (74.4%). C 189,594 (52.5%): All 91,996 (25.5%): Lab 77,333 (21.4%): Others 2,311 (0.6%). C maj 97,598 (27.0%).

LANCASHIRE CENTRAL

Electorate: 524,132

Blackpool North; Blackpool South; Chorley; Fylde; Preston; Ribble Valley; South Ribble; West Lancashire.

*Welsh, M. (C)
Jones, Ms H. (Lab)
†Gallagher, M (SDP/All)

1983 Total vote 385,634 (74.1%). C 193,319 (60.1%): Lab 102,441 (26.6%): All 87,659 (22.7%): Others 2,205 (0.6%). C maj 90,878 (23.6%).

LANCASHIRE EAST

Electorate: 534,542

Blackburn; Burnley; Heywood and Middleton; Hyndburn; Littleborough and Saddleworth; Pendle; Rochdale; Rossendale and Darwin.

*Kellett-Bowman, E. (C)
Hindley, M. J. (Lab)
Lishman, G. (L/All)

1983 Total vote 371,220 (69.8%). C 156,387 (42.1%): Lab 144,447 (38.9%): All 67,736 (18.3%): Others 2,680 (0.7%). C maj 11,910 (3.2%).

LEEDS

Electorate: 527,653

Elmet; the Leeds seats of Cental, East, North East, North West, and West; Morley and Leeds South; Pudsey.

Holt, J (C)
McGowan, M (Lab)
Cooksey, S (L/All)

1983 Total vote: 335,705 (63.8%). C 140,086 (41.7%) All 105,209 (31.3%): Lab 87,208 (26.0%): Others 3,202 (1.0%). C maj 34,877 (10.4%).

LEICESTER

Electorate: 564,350

Bosworth; Leicester East; Leicester South; Leicester West; Loughborough; North Warwickshire; Nuneaton; Rutland and Melton.

*Tuckman, F (C)
Soulsby, P (Lab)
Simmons, D (SDP/All)
Barratt A (Ind C)

1983 Total vote: 420,595 (74.8%). C 196,768 (46.8%): Lab 126,320 (30.0%): All 92,645 (22.0%): Others 4,865 (1.2%). C maj

LINCOLNSHIRE

Electorate: 551,904

Bassetlaw; East Lindsey; Gainsborough and Horncastle; Grantham; Holland with Boston; Lincoln; Newark; Stamford and Spalding.

*Newton Dunn, W (C)
Sewell, C. (Lab)
Purves, G (L/All)

1983 Total vote: 402,758 (74.0%). C 207,136 (51.4%): All 114,002 (28.3%): Lab 80,356 (20.0%): Others 1,264 (0.3%). C maj 93,134 (23.1%).

LONDON CENTRAL

Electorate: 543,825

Chelsea; City of London and Westminster South; Fulham; Hampstead and Highgate; Holborn and St Pancras; Islington North; Islington South and Finsbury; Kensington; Westminster North.

*Fergusson, A (C)
Newens, A. S. (Lab)
Wistrich, E (SDP/All)
Porritt, J (Ecol)
Maynard, R (CBJ)

1983 Total vote: 341,798 (62.1%). C 142,319 (41.6%): Lab 113,794 (33.3%): All 77,136 (22.6%): Others 8,549 (2.5%). C maj 28,525 (20.5%).

LONDON EAST (Same)

Electorate: 537,831 (541,938)

Barking; Dagenham; Hornchurch; Ilford North; Ilford South; Newham North East; Romford; Upminster; Wanstead and Woodford.

*Tyrrell, A. (C)
Tongue, Miss C. (Lab)
Horne, Mrs J. (SDP/All)

1979 Total vote 189,647 (29.5%): C 77,940 (48.8%): Lab 64,925 (40.7%): L 16,782 (10.5%). C maj 13,015 (8.2%).

1983 Total vote 368,631 (77.6%). C 165,626 (44.9%): Lab 109,179 (29.6%): All 88,731 (24.1%): Others 5,095 (1.4%). C maj 56,447 (15.3%).

LONDON NORTH

Electorate: 564,359

Chipping Barnet; Edmonton; Enfield North; Enfield Southgate; Finchley; Hendon North; Hendon South; Hornsey and Wood Green; Tottenham.

*Marshall, J. (C)
Large, E. (Lab)
Skinner, J. (L/All)
Lang, P. (Ecol)

1983 Total vote 387,044 (68.8%). C 184,569 (47.7%): Lab 113,596 (29.3%): All 84,302 (21.8%): Others 4,577 (1.2%). C majority 70,973 (18.4%).

LONDON NORTH EAST (Same)

Electorate: 513,781 (518,912)

Bethnal Green and Stepney; Bow and Poplar; Chingford; Hackney North and Stoke Newington; Hackney South and Shoreditch; Leyton; Newham North West; Newham South; Walthamstow.

*Lomas, A (Lab)
Hoppell, J (L/All)
Lambert, Mrs J (Ecol)

1979 Total vote: 106,083 (20.4%). Lab 61,044 (57.5%): C 36,200 (34.1%): L 8,839 (8.3%). Lab maj 24,804 (23.4%).

1983 Total vote: 304,758 (59.3%). Lab 130,918 (43.0%): C 87,627 (28.7%): All 70,391 (23.1%): Others 15,826 (5.2%). Lab maj 43,288 (14.3%).

LONDON NORTH WEST

Electorate: 518,365

Brent East; Brent North; Brent South; Harrow East; Harrow West; Hayes and Harlington; Ruislip-Northwood; Uxbridge.

*Bethell, Lord (C)
Healy, Ms P. (Lab)
Ketteringham, A. (L/All)

1983 Total vote 360,429 (69.9%). C 170,826 (47.4%): Lab 97,490 (27.1%): All 90,834 (25.2%): Others 1,279 (0.3%). C maj 73,336 (22.8%).

LONDON SOUTH AND SURREY EAST

Electorate: 505,393

Carlshalton and Wallington; Croydon Central; Croydon North East; Croydon North West; Croydon South; East Surrey; Reigate; Sutton and Cheam.

*Moorhouse, J (C)
Mackinlay, A (Lab)
Parry, J (L/All)

1983 Total vote: 356,887 (71.0%). C 199,056 (55.8%): All 101,133 (28.3%): Lab 54,263 (15.2%): Others 2,435 (0.7%). C maj 97,923 (27.5%).

LONDON SOUTH EAST

Electorate: 561,984

Beckenham; Bexleyheath; Chislehurst; Eltham; Erith and Crayford; Greenwich; Old Bexley and Sidcup; Orpington; Ravensbourne; Woolwich.

*Price, P. (C)
Cowan, S. J. (Lab)
Fryer, J. (L/All)
Turner, W (Marx)

1983 Total vote 405,034 (72.4%). C 200,844 (49.6%): All 118,563 (29.3%): Lab 83,184 (20.5%): Others 2,443 (0.6%). C maj 82,281.

LONDON SOUTH INNER

Dulwich; Lewisham Deptford; Lewisham East; Lewisham West; Norweed; Peckham; Southwark and Bermondsey; Streatham; Vauxhall.

*Balfe, R (Lab)
Miller, Mrs D. (C)
Daly, J. (SDP/All)
Owens, Mrs J (Ecol)

1983 Total vote: 342,514 (64.0%). Lab 138,712 (40.4%): C 117,829 (34.4%): All 80,329 (23.4%): Others 5,644 (1.6%). Lab maj: 20,883 (6.0%).

LONDON SOUTH WEST

Electorate: 499,273

Battersea; Epsom and Ewell; Kingston upon Thames; Mitcham and Morden; Putney; Surbiton; Tooting; Wimbledon.

*Roberts, Dame S. (C)
Pollack, Miss A. J. (Lab)
Twigg, D. (L/All)
Willington Mrs S (Ecol)

1983 Total vote 354,914 (77.1%). C 169,888 (47.9%): Lab 94,651 (26.7%): All 85,263 (24.0%): Others 5,112 (1.4%). C maj 75,237 (21.2%).

LONDON WEST

Electorate: 516,661

Brentford and Isleworth; Ealing Acton; Ealing North; Ealing Southall; Feltham and Heston; Hammersmith; Richmond and Barnes; Twickenham.

*Hord, B. (C)
Elliott, M. N. (Lab)
Layton, C (SDP/All)
Sutherland, Mrs D. (Ecol)

1983 Total vote 380,699 (73.8%). C 166,462 (43.7%): Lab 112,697 (29.6%): All 95,696 (25.1%): Others 5,844 (1.6%). C maj 53,765 (14.1%).

MERSEYSIDE EAST

Electorate: 537,285

Knowsley North; Knowsley South; Leigh; Liverpool Garston; Makerfield; St Helens North; St Helens South; Wigan.

Galbraith, T (C)
Huckfield, L (Lab)
Bishop, T (SDP/All)

1983 Total vote 389,198 (72.4%). Lab 200,808 (51.6%): C 106,204 (27.8%): All 78,160 (20.1%): Others 2,026 (0.5%). Lab maj 92,604 (23.8%).

MERSEYSIDE WEST

Electorate: 551,532

Bootle; Crosby; the Liverpool seats of Broadgreen, Mossley Hill, Riverside, Walton, and West Derby; Southport.

*Hooper, Miss S (C)
Stewart, K (Lab)
Clark, P (L/All)

1983 Total vote: 392,621 (70.9%). Lab 145,143 (37.0%): C 130,538 (33.2%): All 108,080 (27.5%): Others 8,860 (2.3%). Lab maj 14,605 (3.7%).

MIDLANDS CENTRAL

Electorate: 533,798

The Coventry seats of North East, North West, South East, and South West; Meriden; Rugby and Kenilworth; Solihull; Warwick and Leamington.

*de Courcy Ling, J. (C)
Blackman, D. J. (Lab)
Langmead, P. (SDP/All)
Enstone, A. (FRP)

1983 Total vote 387,914 (73.2%). C 179,019 (46.1%): Lab 114,686 (29.6%): All 92,315 (23.8%): Others 1,894 (0.5%). C maj 64,333 (16.6%).

MIDLANDS WEST

Electorate: 533,796

Dudley East; Dudley West; Halesowen and Stourbridge; Warley East; Warley West; Wolverhampton North East; Wolverhampton South East; Wolverhampton South-West.

Burnside, A (C)
Pitt, T. J. (Lab)
Carter, C (L/All)

1983 Total vote: 382,689 (71.8%). C 157,143 (41.1%): Lab 142,962 (37.4%): All 80,999 (21.1%): Others 1,585 (0.4%). C maj 14,181 (3.71).

NORFOLK (Minor)

Electorate: 543,214 (504,605)

Great Yarmouth, the Norfolk seats of Mid, North, North West, South, and South West; Norwich North; Norwich South.

*Howell, P. (C)
Heading, A. E. B. (Lab)
Williams, L. (SDP/All)

1979 Total vote 172,192 (34.1%). C 102,981 (59.8%): Lab 52,406 (30.4%): L 16,805 (9.8%). C maj 50,575 (29.4%).

1983 Total vote 403,675 (75.2%). C 200,865 (49.8%): All 112,636 (27.9%): Lab 88,871 (22.0%): Others 1,303 (0.3). C maj 88,229 (21.9%).

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Electorate: 547,188

Balby; Corby; Daventry; Harborough; Kettering; Northampton North; Northampton South; Wellingborough.

*Simpson, A (C)
Dickie, J (Lab)
Goodhart, Mrs C (SDP/All)
Bryant, Mrs A (Chr/Ecol)

1983 Total vote: 408,635 (75.8%). C 211,721 (51.8%): All 105,329 (25.8%): Lab 89,202 (21.8%): Others 2,383 (0.6%). C maj 106,392 (26.0%).

NORTHUMBRIA

Electorate: 512,979

Berwick-upon-Tweed; Blyth Valley; Hexham; Newcastle upon Tyne Central; Newcastle upon Tyne North; Tynemouth; Wallsend; Wansbeck.

*Adam, G (Lab)
Crichton, C. (C)
Scott, G (L/all)

1983 Total vote: 376,239 (73.5%): C 133,067 (36.4%): Lab 130,299 (34.6%). All 111,999 (29.8%): Others 884 (0.2%).

NOTTINGHAM

Electorate: 554,473

Broxtowe; Gedling; Mansfield; Nottingham East; Nottingham North; Nottingham South; Rushcliffe; Sherwood.

Kilby, M (C)
Coates, K (Lab)
Melton K (L/All)

1983 Total vote: 387,100 (70.3%): C 185,618 (48.0%): Lab 119,663 (30.9%): All 78,510 (20.3%): Others 3,309 (0.8%) C maj 65,955 (17.1%).

OXFORD AND BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Electorate: 542,343

Aylesbury; Beaconsfield; Buckingham; Chesham and Amersham; Henley; Oxford East; Oxford West and Abingdon; Wycombe.

Elles, J (C)
Power, J G (Lab)
Liddle, R (SDP/All)

1983 Total vote: 393,927 (73.6%): C 217,605 (55.2%): All 112,299 (28.5%): Lab 61,782 (15.7%): Others 2,241 (0.6%).

SHEFFIELD

Electorate: 558,984

Chesterfield; North East Derbyshire; the Sheffield seats of Attercliffe, Brightside, Central, Hallam, Heeley, and Hillsborough.

Cryer, R (Lab)
Grayson, D (C)
Holmstedt, Miss M (L/All)

1983 Total vote: 393,179 (70.6%). Lab 173,807 (44.2%): C 120,932 (30.8%): All 96,976 (24.7%): Others 1,464 (0.3%) Lab 52,875 (13.4%).

SHROPSHIRE AND STAFFORD

Electorate: 562,823

Cannock and Burntwood; Ludlow; Newcastle-under-Lyme; Shropshire; Shrewbury and Atcham; South Staffordshire; Stafford; The Wrekin.

*Prout, C (C)
Hallam, D. J. A. (Lab)
Burman, R (L/All)

1983 Total vote: 419,182 (75.6%) C 201,666 (48.1%): All 110,403 (26.3%): Lab 106,766 (25.8%). Others 347 (0.1%).

SOMERSET AND DORSET WEST

Electorate 540,393

Bridgwater; Someton and Frome; Taunton; Wells; Westen-super-Mare; West Dorest; Woodspring; Yeovil.

Daly, Mrs M (C)
Linden, Mrs J (Lab)
Moore, R (L/All)

1983 Total vote: 404,672 (76.2%). C 215,704 (53.3%): All 1414,69 (35.0%): Lab 47,049 (11.6%): Others 450 (0.1%). C Maj 74,235 (18.3%)

STAFFORDSHIRE EAST

Electorate: 563,376

Burton; Mid Staffordshire; North West Leicestershire; South Derbyshore; South East Staffordshire; Stoke-on-Trent Central; Stoke-on-Trent North; Stoke-on-Trent South.

*Moreland, R (C)
Stevenson, G. W. (Lab)
Fox, R (SDP/Lab)

1983 Total vote: 416,609 (74.5%) C 176,277 (42.3%): Lab 146,525 (35.2): All 92,666 (22.2%): Others 1,141 (00.3%) C maj 297,752 (%.1%)

SUFFOLK

Electorate: 516,050

Bury St Edmunds; Central Suffolk; Ipswich; South East Cambridgeshire; South Suffolk; Suffolk Coastal; Waveney.

*Turner, A (C)
Moszczynski, W (Lab)
Leakey, C (L/All)

1983 Total vote: 379,863 (74.7%): C 201,926 (53.1%): All 98,387 (25.9%): Lab 79,318 (20.9%) Others 235 (0.1%). C maj 103,539 (27.3%)

SURREY WEST

Electorate: 504,893

Chertsey and Walton; Esher; Guildford; Moley Valley; North West Surrey South West Surrey; Woking.

*Douro, Marquess of (C)
Vaz, K (Lab)
Mortimer, E (SDP/All)

1983 Total vote: 362,575 (72.7%) C 217,075 (60.0%): All 107,316 (29.6%): Lab 36,409 (10.0%): Others 1,775 (0.4%). C maj 109,759 (30.4%)

SUSSEX EAST (Minor)

Electorate 537,397 (535,564)

Bexhill and Battle; Brighton Kemptown; Brighton Pavilion; Eastbourne Hastings and Rye; Hove; Lewes; Wealden.

*Stewart-Clark, Sir J (C)
Spillman, H. (Lab)
Busby, J (SDP/All)
Evelyn, Mrs E (Ecol)

1979: Total vote: 187,934 (35.1%): C 123,506 (65.7%); Lab 33,581 (17,9%); L 30,847 (16.4%). C man 89,925 (47.8%).

1983 Total vote: 378,466 (70.0%). C 220,859 (58.4%): All 103,040 (27.2%): Lab 51,301 (13.5%): Others 3,265 (0.9%). C maj 117,819 (31.2%)

SUSSEX WEST

Electorate: 531,927

Arundel; Chichester; Crawley; Horsham; Mid Sussex; Shoreham; Worthing.

*Seligman, M (C)
Rees, G C (Lab)
Walsh, Dr J (L/All)
Ahern, D (Ecol)

1983 Total vote: 384,655 (75.1%). C 230,254 (59.9%): All 112,801 (29.3%): Lab 37,867 (9.8%): Others 3,753 (1.0%). C maj 117,453 (30.6%).

THAMES VALLEY

Electorate: 519,564

East Berkshire; Reading East; Reading West; Slough; Spelthorne; Windsor and Maidenhead; Wokingham.

*Elles, Lady (C)
Bastin, R. B. (Lab)
Bradnock, R (L/All)

1983 Total vote: 367,665 (72.1%). C 197,474 (53.7%): All 98,516 (26.8%): Lab 64,020 (17.4%): Others 7,665 (2.1%). C maj 98,958.

TYNE AND WEAR

Electorate: 543,955

Gateshead East; Houghton and Washington; Jarrow; Newcastle upon Tyne East; South Shields; Sunderland North; Sunderland South; Tyne Bridge.

*Quin, Miss J (Lab)
Cook, R. (C)
Carroll, B (SDP/All)

1983 Total vote: 366,709 (67.4%). Lab 180,777 49.3%): C 104,183 (28.4%): All 81,749 (22.3%) Lab maj 76,594 (20.9%).

WIGHT AND HAMPSHIRE EAST

Electorate: 544,189

East Hampshire; Fareham; Gosport; Havant; Isle of Wight; Portsmouth North; Portsmouth South.

*Simmonds, R (C)
Phillips, J A (Lab)
Ludford, Mrs S (L/All)

1983 Total vote: 393,397 (75.4%). C 218,475 (55.5%): All 130,594 (33.3%): Lab 42,874 (10.9%): Others 1,454 (0.4%). C maj 87,881 (22.3%).

WILTSHIRE

Electorate: 531,501

Devizes; Newbury; North Wiltshire; Salisbury; Swindon; Wantage; West -bury.

Jackson, Mrs C. (C)
Whiteside, P (Lab)
Ainslie, J (L/All)

1983 Total vote 394,990 (75.1%) C 204,715 (51.8%): All 134,449 (34.0%): lab 53,610 (13.6%): Others 2,216 (0.6%). C maj 70,266 (17.8%).

YORK

Electorate: 517,592

Boothferry; Clanford and Scunthorpe; Harrogate; Ryedale; Scarborough; Selby; York.

MacMillan-Scott, E (C)
Haines, Mrs S (Lab)
Howard, M (SDP/All)

1983 Total vote: 369,936 (72.3%). C 193,471 (52.3%): Lab 79,828 (21.6%): All 95,806 (25.9%): Others 831 (0.2%). C maj 113,645 (30.7%).

YORKSHIRE SOUTH

Electorate 516,431

Barnsley Central; Barnsley East; Doncaster Central; Doncaster North; Don Valley; Rotherham; Rotherham; Rother valley; Wentworth.

Pickley, Mrs R. (C)
West, N (Lab)
Eden, D (SDP/All)

1983 Total vote: 356,082 (69.2%). Lab 185,723 (52.3%): C 95,836 (27.0%) All 73,523 20.7%). Lab maj 89,887 (25.3%).

Mrs Barbara Castle, leader of Labour MEPs

YORKSHIRE SOUTH WEST

Electorate: 518,423

Barnsley West and Penistone; Colne Valley; Dewsbury; Hemsworth; Huddersfield; Normanton; Pontefract and Castleford; Wakefield.

*Megahy, T (Lab)
Lodge, A (C)
Crossley, J (L/All)

1983 Total vote: 350,040 (67.7%). Lab 159,510 (45.6%): C 118,599 (33.9%): All 71,106 (20.3%): Others 826 (0.2%). Lab maj 40,911.

YORKSHIRE WEST

Electorate: 560,190

Batley and Spen; Bradford North; Bradford South; Bradford West; Calder Valley; Halifax; Keighley; Shipley.

*Seal, B (Lab)
Bruce, I (C)
Lyons, E (SDP/All)

1983 total vote: 412,519 (74.2%). C 166,117 (40.3%): Lab 138,470 (33.6%): All 101,764 (24.7%): Others 6,168 (1.4%). C maj 27,647 (6.7%).

SCOTLAND

GLASGOW (Minor)

Electorate: 518,178 (534,414)

The Glasgow seats of Cathcart, Central, Garscadden, Govan, Hillhead, Maryhill, Pollok, Provan, Shettleston, and Springburn.

*Buchan, Mrs J (Lab)
Chadd, Miss S (C)
Mason, C (L/All)
MacLeod, N (SNP)

1979: Total vote 150,839 (28.2%): Lab 73,846 (49.0%): C 41,144 (27.3%): SNP 24,776 (16.4%): L 11,073 (7.3%). Lab maj 32,702 (21.7%).

1983: Total vote 355,504 (68.4%). Lab 186,221 (52.4%): All 72,340 (20.4%): C 67,318 (19.0%): SNP 27,762 (7.8%): Other 1,863 (0.4%). Lab maj 113,881 (32.0%).

HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (Minor)

Electorate 307,265 (298,802)

Argyll and Bute; Caithness and Sutherland; Inverness, Nairne and Lochaber; Moray; Ross, Cromarty and Skye; Orkney and Shetland; Western Isles.

*Ewing, Mrs W (SNP)
Johnston, R (L/All)
Webster, D (C)
McArthur, Rev J (Lab)

1979: Total vote 117,722 (39.4%). SNP 39,991 (34.0%): L 36,109 (30.7%): C 30,776 (26.1%): Lab 10,846 (9.2%). SNP maj 3,882 (3.3%).

1983: Total vote 216,718 (71.3%). All 74,005 (34.2%): C 67,481 (31.1%): Lab 28,242 (13.0%): SNP 46,990 (21.7%): Lab 28,242 (13.0%). All maj 6,524 (3.0%).

LOTHIANS

Electorate: 526,068

The Edinburgh seats of Central, East, Leith, Pentlands, South, and West; Linlithgow; Livingston; Midlothian.

Martin, D. W. (Lab)
Henderson, I (C)
Mabon, Dr, J. D. (SPD/All)
Stevenson, Dr D. (SNP)

1983: Total vote 375,648 (71.8%). Lab 129,762 (34.5%): C 113,670 (30.3%): All 101,373 (27.0%): SNP 29,398 (7.8%): Others 1,455 (0.4%). Lab maj 16,092 (4.3%).

SCOTLAND MID AND FIFE

Electorate: 528,519

Clackmannan; Falkirk East; Falkirk West; Stirling; Central Fife; Dunfermline East; Dunfermline West; Kirkcaldy; North East Fife; Perth and Kinross.

*Purvis, J. (C)
Falconer, A. (Lab)
Wedderburn, A. (SDP/All)
Jones, Mrs J. (SNP)

1983 Total vote 384,066 (80.9%). Lab 133,762 (34.8%): C 110,531 (28.7%): All 91,900 (23.9%): SNP 46,018 (12.0%): Others 2,068 (0.6%) Lab maj 23,421 (6.1%)

SCOTLAND NORTH EAST

Electorate: 548,711

Aberdeen North; Aberdeen South; Banff and Buchan; Gordon; Kincardine and Deeside; Angus East; Dundee East; Dundee West; North Tayside.

*Provan, J. (C)
Doran, F. (Lab)
Philip, I (SDP/All)
Hood, D. (SNP)

1983 Total vote 383,972 (70.7%) C 134,266 (35.0%): Lab 86,697 (22.3%): All 83,160 (21.7%): SNP 79,942 (20.8%): Others 908 (0.2%). C maj 48,668 (12.7%).

SCOTLAND SOUTH

Electorate: 484,760

Ayr; Carrick, Cummock and Doon Valley; Clydesdale; Cunningham South; Dumfries; Galloway and Upper Nithsdale; East Lothian; Roxburgh and Berwickshire; Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale.

*Hutton, A. (C)
Stewart, R (Lab)
Buchanan, Mrs E. (L/All)
Goldie, I (SNP)

1983 Total vote 362,648 (75.5%) C 125,787 (34.1%): Lab 110,637 (30.5%): All 94,342 (26.0%): SNP 33,882 (9.4%). C maj 13,150 (3.6%)

STRATHCLYDE EAST

Electorate: 498,458

Cumbernauld and Kilsyth; East Kilbride; Glasgow Rutherglen; Kilmarnock and Loudoun; Monklands East; Monklands West; Motherwell North; Motherwell South.

*Collins, K. (Lab)
Leckie, R. (C)
de Seume, Ms P (L/All)
Leslie, G (SNP)

1983 Total vote 372,807 (75.2%). Lab 183,740 (49.3%): All 77,244 (20.7%): C 75,896 (20.3%): SNP 35,823 (9.6%). Other 404 (0.2%). Lab maj 106,496 (28.6%).

STRATHCLYDE WEST

Electorate: 499,162

Clydebank and Milngavie; Cunninghame North; Dumbarton; Eastwood; Greenock and Port Glasgow; Paisley North; Paisley South; Renfrew West and Inverclyde; Strathkelvin and Bearsden.

McMahon, H. (Lab)
Lait, Ms J. (C)
Herbison, D. (SDP/All)
Herriot, Ms J. (SNP)

1983 Total vote 373,417 (75.2%). Lab 132,613 (35.5%): C 108,906 (29.1%): All 98,603 (26.4%): SNP 32,163 (8.6%): Other 1,132 (0.4%) Lab maj 23,707 (6.4%).

WALES

WALES MID AND WEST

Electorate: 533,644

Carmarthen; Ceredigion and Pembroke North;l Llanelli; Pembroke; Brecon and Radnor; Gower; Neath; Swansea East; Swansea West.

Morris, D. (Lab)
Lewis, D. (C)
Lloyd, D. (L/All)
Williams, Dr P. (PlC)
Smith, Miss M. (Ecol)

1983 Total vote 408,900 (77.1%). Lab 151,462 (37.0%): C 128,948 (31.5%): All 90,979 (22.3%): PlC 34,580 (8.5%): Other 2,931 (0.7%). Lab maj 22,514 (5.6%).

WALES NORTH (Same)

Electorate: 516,153 (493,181)

Alyn and Deeside; Clwyd North West; Clwyd South West; Delyn; Wrexham; Caernarfon; Conwy; Meirionnydd Nant Conwy; Ynys Mòn; Montgomery.

*Brookes, Miss B. (C)
Campbell, I. (Lab)
Ellis, T. (SDP/All)
Iwan, D. (PlC)

1979 Total vote 176,960 (35.9%). C 74,173 (41.9%): Lab 46,627 (26.3%): PlC 34,171 (19.3%): L 21,989 (12.4%). C maj 27,546 (15.6%).

1983 Total vote 397,300 (77.6%). C 148,244 (37.3%): All 98,937 (24.9%): Lab 94,029 (23.7%): PlC 56,603 (14.0%): Other 487 (0.1%). C maj 49,307 (12.4%).

WALES SOUTH

Electorate: 509,434

The Cardiff seats of Central, North, South and Penarth, and West; Vale of Glamorgan; Bridgend; Ogmore; Pontypridd; Aberavon.

*Griffiths, W. J. (Lab)
Pattman, Miss J. (C)
Davis, Mrs J. (L/All)
Huws, Dr D. (PlC)

1983 Total vote 394,627 (77.7%). Lab 142,763 (36.2%): C 127,088 (32.2%): All 90,887 (23.0%): PlC 12,627 (3.2%): Other 21,272 (5.4%). Lab maj 15,675 (4.0%).

WALES SOUTH EAST (Minor)

Electorate: 565,739 (545,152)

Blaenau Gwent; Islwyn; Monmouth; Newport East; Newport West; Torfaen; Caerphilly; Cynon Valley; Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney; Rhondda.

Smith, L. (Lab)
Whyatt, R. (C)
Lindley, C. (SDP/All)
Morgan, S. (PlC)

1979 Total vote 167,756 (31.1%). Lab 93,093 (54.8%): C 51,478 (30.3%): PlC 12,469 (7.3%): L 10,534 (6.2%): Other 2,182 (1.3%). Lab maj 41,615 (24.5%).

1983 Total vote 401,596 (71.3%). Lab 216,604 (53.7%): C 91,057 (22.7%): All 70,560 (17.6%): PlC 22,769 (5.7%): Other 1,606 (0.4%). Lab maj 124,547 (31.0%).

N IRELAND (Same)

Electorate: 1,064,035 (1,029,490)

All 17 Ulster parliamentary constituencies making up a multimember constituency with single transferable voting system.

*Paisley, Rev I. (Dem U)
*Hume, J. (SDLP)
*Taylor, J. D. (Off U U)
Morrison, D. (PSF)
Cook, D. (All)
McGuigan C. (Ecol)
Kilfedder, J. (UPUP)
Lynch, S. (Wp)

1983 Total vote 764,928 (72.8%). OUP 259,952 (34.0%): DUP 152,749 (20.0%): SDLP 137,012 (17.9%): PSF 102,701 (13.4%): Alliance NI 61,275 (8.0%): Other 51,236 (6.7%). First-past-the-post voting system.

Voting in UK in 1979 European elections and 1983 general election	European elections June 7, 1979 Electorate – 41,558,480			General election June 9, 1983 Electorate – 42,086,750		
Party	Votes	%	Seats in EP	Votes	%	Commons seats
Conservative	6,508,493	48.4	60	13,012,183	42.4	397
Labour	4,253,207	31.6	17	8,456,934	27.6	209
Liberal/SDP Alliance	*1,691,531	12.6	–	7,781,682	25.4	23
Scottish National	247,836	1.9	1	331,975	1.1	2
Plaid Cymru	83,399	0.6	–	125,309	0.4	2
Ulster Unionists	125,169	0.9	1	259,952	0.8	11
Democratic Unionist	170,688	1.3	1	152,749	0.5	3
Social Democratic & Labour	140,622	1.1	1	137,012	0.4	1
Others	225,146	1.5	–	413,941	1.4	2
Totals, turnout, seats	13,446,091	32.5	81	30,671,137	72.7	650

*Liberals only

Swapo claims Nujoma turned down offer of power in Namibia

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The head of South African military counter-intelligence, General Hennie Van Der Westhuizen, had a secret meeting with Mr Sam Nujoma, the Swapo leader, in Lusaka, and proposed the formation of a government of national unity in Namibia, it is claimed here.

Swapo sources quoted by South African newspaper reporters in Lusaka, the scene of an inconclusive conference on the future of Namibia at the end of last week, said the offer was conveyed by the General on behalf of Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, in February.

The offer would have required Mr Nujoma, whose organization has been fighting a guerrilla war for the past 18 years for Namibia's independence from South Africa, to give the defence, security and internal affairs porfolios to leaders of the Multi-Party Conference (MPC), a grouping of Namibian political parties.

Mr Nujoma, who regards most of the MPC parties as puppets, reportedly refused the deal, but sent his regards to Mr Botha through General Van Der Westhuizen and two other top South African officers who accompanied him.

It is understood that this meeting was followed up by another between Mr "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister, and Mr Nujoma in Lusaka on April 25, when a South African delegation visited the city for talks with the Angolans. The Nujoma meeting was not reported at the time.

There was no immediate reaction here to the Lusaka reports. However, on the eve of last week's Lusaka conference, the Foreign Minister told Parliament in Cape Town that his Government would be prepared to negotiate with a "government of national unity" in Namibia that included Swapo.

At the time, observers did not know what to make of this statement, which begins to make more sense in the light of the latest claims.

It also tends to confirm that South Africa is trying to get away from the United Nations procedure for Namibian independence, which envisages UN-supervised elections to a constituent assembly.

Pretoria's strategy seems to be to persuade Swapo to join some kind of caretaker government with other Namibian political parties before the holding of elections. This body woould then negotiate certain aspects of the future Namibian constitution with South Africa, as well as a security agreement

For the moment Swapo seemsto have resisted this ploy. Pretoria appears to hope that pressure from Angola, where Swapo's bases are beng closed down, or at any rate neutralized, could still convince Mr Nujoma of the merits of the South African sheme.

Mr Nujoma believes that he would win any elections hands down, on the basis of his organization's support among the Ovambo who account for 50 per cent of Namibia's population of just over 1 million.

He is thus reluctant even to go through the motions of sharing power, but he has already accepted some of the internal parties as allies.

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Baghdad accused of biological warfare

From Frederick Bonnart, Brussels

Skin horribly inflamed, head and genitals swollen, the body of what had once been an Iranian soldier, fists still clenched in his death agony, was lying on a slab in Ghent University Clinic. It showed symptoms which, according to an eminent Belgian scientist, proved the use of biological warfare agents by Iraq in the Gulf War.

Dr A. Heyndrickx, professor of toxicology at Ghent University, said in a lecture at the Belgian Royal Institute of International Relations in Brussels on Monday that his analysis of the symptoms on Iranian soldiers sent to Belgium for treatment proved that they had been exposed to mycotoxins, in addition to the better-known mustard gas and tabun chemical and nerve agents.

While the latter are easily made and could be manufactured by Third World countries, mycotoxins, which are biological agents, can only be produced by more advanced countries and are therefore presumed to have been supplied to Iraq by outside sources.

The professor's findings are disputed. Mycotoxins are difficult to trace because they fade within four weeks but they affect humans very differently to mustard gas and tabun. The latter have been proved to have been used in Iraq. Similar work has also been done at universities in Austria, West Germany and Switzerland but none at any state laboratories. Dr Heyndrickx maintained that some of their findings had been suppressed by governments.

He had tested blood, urine and faeces taken from 265 soldiers and is convinced that mycotoxins were used. He said photographs of the corpses of some Afghan refugees had shown identical symptoms.

Afghan resistance fighters have recently been reported to have requested supplies of gas masks. The victims of the so-called "yellow rain" agents, alleged to have been used in Cambodia and Laos, had also shown similar symptoms, according to Dr Heyndrickx.

● BRUSSELS: The European Community agreed in principle yesterday to ban exports of five compounds used to make chemical weapons (AP reports). Several members have already imposed individual bans, and others are planning to do so, the French Minister for European Affairs, M Roland Dumas, told reporters

Heseltine in Brussels

New will on arms

From Our Correspondent, Brussels

Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, said here yesterday that there was a new mood in Europe to secure greater cooperation in armaments procurement. This should improve the two-way street of arms production between the United States and Europe now running at about 7 to 1 in favour of the US at present.

He was speaking after a meeting of Nato's European defence ministers in a body called Eurogroup, of which he is this year's chairman.

It was important, in the interest of decisions to be taken now, to ensure that European groupings could be created before weapon systems were in the research and development stage, let alone in production. This, he said, was the only way European industry could remain in the forefront of technology in the defence field.

He referred to a resolution by the independent European programme group, which meets at senior official level and, unlike Eurogroup, also includes France, as an example of the way Europe was moving.

The resolution states that the increasing political will to cooperate should now be transformed into concrete action and that national armaments planning should be based on European solutions.

This needed government to government cooperation to coordinate major equipment replacement schedules as a prerequisite for industry-to-industry cooperation.

A European defence industrial group consisting of representatives of European industrial companies has been formed.

A large number of important projects were selected by Nato recently in order to raise the conventional defensive power of the alliance, mainly by the exploitation of new technology.

Iraq denies hitting Kuwaiti tankers

Kuwait (Reuter) – The Kuwaiti Cabinet held an emergency session yesterday to discuss attacks on two Kuwaiti oil tankers in the Gulf and the country's Parliament called on the Government to react firmly.

Shaikh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Sabah, the Foreign Minister, said after the meeting that investigations into the attacks would be concluded later.

The Kuwaiti tanker Bahrah was hit by an unidentified plane east of the Saudi coast on Monday and the Umm Casbah, also Kuwait-owned, was hit in the same area the day before.

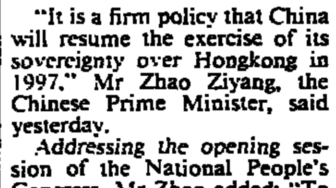
Iraq has usually claimed responsibility for attacking ships in the Gulf but denied hitting the vessels belonging to Kuwait, one of its strongest financial backers in the Gulf war. Saudi Defence and Aviation Minister, Prince Sultan Ibn Abdulaziz, was due in Kuwait last night for talks expected to deal with the recent attacks, including two on Saudi tankers.

Although Saudi Arabia is also one of Iraq's strongest allies, the Iraquis strongly hinted that they had hit the Saudi ships, blaming them for loading oil at Iran's Kharg island. The Kuwaiti ships had not loaded Iranian oil.

Kuwait's Parliament condemned the attacks on Kuwaiti ships and urged the Government "to take decisive action to deal with this grave matter which threatens the security and interests of Kuwait".

● WASHINGTON: Mr Ariel Sharon, former Israeli Defence Minister, said on Monday that Israel had supplied arms to Iran years in the past, with the knowledge of the American Administration (Mohsin Ali writes).

But during a meeting sponsored by a a local synagogue at Bridgeport, Connecticut, he did not say exactly when. He said it would be a serious mistake to let the Iraqis win the war. "They are one of the most radical regimes in the world . . ."



Diplomatic sources here said that Israel had on one occasion in the early 1980s supplied parts for American-made military aircraft to Iran. But they emphasised that since then there had been no sales.

An Israeli embassy spokesman said there was no contact whatsoever between the Israeli Government and the present Iranian regime.

In fiery mood: A protest blaze is lit against alleged efforts to tamper with Philippines poll results.

Shaken Marcos poised to lose Manila

From Our Special Correspondent, Manila

Philippine voters have given President Ferdinand Marcos notice that his imperial style of government must change.

With about half the votes counted in the country's general elections, opposition parties have made dramatic gains in urban areas, even in the face of widespread manipulation and intimidation of voters on both sides. The opposition is expected to win a majority of the Manila seats according to unofficial results. President Marcos admitted last night that the opposition parties could have between 40 and 45 in the 183-seat Parliament as against 13 in the old interim body.

That estimate may prove to be conservative but whatever the final figure the opposition has made itself felt in the cities. Some estimates say its support may run as high as 90 seats but the situation is unlikely to be clear for some time as polling return come in from all over the country's thousands of islands.

"It's a good lesson", said an American diplomat. And I hope it's been learned."

The day after polling day saw the death toll rise to 91 amid allegations of misbandling of ballot boxes and failure to deliver results to the Commission on Elections which is responsible for producing official results.

Mr Salvador Laurel, a leading opposition figure, went to the Commission to protest over delays in counting and in making returns known. The President himself has urged the Commission to make known its results as soon as possible.

In the business district constituency of Makati, scene of anti-Marcos protests last year, things became particulary tense. It is a sensitive constituency because the opposition candidate there is Mrs Au Au Manotoc, under Philippino law still married to Mr Tommy Manotoc, who obtained a South American divorce last year to may the President's daughter Imee. It appears the former Mrs Manotoc failed to gain the Makati seat but the President's daughter was handsomely elected in the family's native province Ilocos Norte.

The Prime Minister, Mr Cesar Virata, won a Parliamentary seat at his first attempt despite the efforts of the President's wife Mrs Imelda Marcos to limit his influence.

Mr Marcos retains the power to appoint his Cabinet and an additional 17 members of Parliament. He also has the power to dissolve the body.

Sidon HQ handed over

Israel may pull back further

From Christopher Walker, Sidon

Speculation that Israel is contemplating the secondary withdrawal from areas of southern Lebanon before the July 23 general election was increased yesterday by a symbolic ceremony at which control of the former Israeli headquarters in Sidon was handed back to a representative of Lebanon's central Government.

The handover was carried out by Major-General Antoine Lahd, the man who succeeded the late Major Saad Haddad as commander of the South Lebanon Army (SLA), an Israeli-backed militia numbering 2,500 men. He is regarded by Jerusalem as the key – but still militarily unproven – factor to any further reduction of Israel's presence.

The Israelis, who gave the shell-scared buildings to the SLA two months ago, were present as the tinny bugles sounded and the Lebanese flag was raised, but took no active part in the proceedings. They have made clear they are banking on the SLA to take over policing of much of southern Lebanon and yesterday they looked like theatrical agents anxously watching the debut of a new protégé.

The move came at a time when Sidon is filled with rumours of plans for a further Israeli redeployment southwards, none of which has been substantiated by Israeli spokesmen. Reports circulating in Israel that the Cabinet recently held an unpublicized discussion about future plans in Lebanon have added to the always pervasive atmosphere of uncertainty.

Whatever the intentions of Israel's ruling Likud coalition in advance of polling day, there is no disguising the attitude of many ordinary soldiers. They appear to want to spend as little time as possible patrolling the exposed streets of Sidon, the predominantly Muslim port city with a population of 250,000 where scores of ambushes against them have been mounted.

As the car I was driving at the head of an army-escorted convoy of six vehicles left the ceremony to return the 28 miles to the border, the normally relaxed reserve captain mounting guard in the passenger seat with his cocked Uzi sub-machine gun, was suddenly firm. "Drive as fast as you can until we are out of this city," he instructed. "This is not a nice place to be."

Observers believe that Israel's next move may not be as clear-cut as the withdrawal to the Awali river line last year. But in recent weeks casualties have been reduced, partly by cutting down patrols, and also by handing certain duties to the SLA, who with their olive green uniforms are easily confused with their Israeli counterparts.

Yesterday Major-General Lahd – regarded as much less of an Israeli puppet than his predecessor – was asked about the persistent rumours that a further Israeli withdrawal is planned. "There is an idea for withdrawal from some areas in the south," he confirmed. "I cannot tell you where."

● TEL AVIV: Israel yesterday recorded the second highest inflationary month of its history. The Central Bureau of Statistics said the consumer price index rose last month by 20.6 per cent, falling short of breaking the all-time record of 21.1 per cent set in October (Moshe Brilliant writes).

● JERUSALEM: Official Israeli participation in a Moroccan Jewish conference which ended in Rabat last night renewed hopes of the emergence of a moderate Arab block, led by Egypt and Morocco, Israel officials said yesterday (Reuter reports).

Zhao's 50-year guarantee

From David Bonavia, Peking

"It is a firm policy that China will resume the exercise of its sovereignty over Hongkong in 1997," Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Prime Minister, said yesterday.

Addressing the opening session of the National People's Congress, Mr Zhao added: "To maintain the stability and prosperity of Hongkong, a series of special policies towards Hongkong will be adopted upon the resumption of China's exercise of sovereignty, and these policies will remain unchanged for 50 years."



Mr Zhao: Special policies for Hongkong.

These policies took into account "the historical and present conditions of Hongkong," he said, while emphasizing the fundamental interests of the country as a whole, including Hongkong.

● Superpower pledge: China will try to improve relations with Washington and Moscow but never play off one superpower against the other, M Zhao said yesterday

He blamed what he called the acute confrontation between the Soviet Union and the United States for world tensions.

Hongkong firms may invest in Mauritius

By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic Correspondent

About 50 of Hongkong's bigger companies are showing interest in Mauritius, Sir Gaetan Duval, Deputy Prime Minister of Mauritius, said in London yesterday. Sir Gaetan and the Industry Minister, Mr C. Pillay, are in Britain with a small delegation to persuade Hongkong businessmen to invest in their country. They see Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, today.

Unemployment – one in five among working population is in need of a job – remains the biggest problem facing the nine-month-old Mauritius Government. The two ministers want to thank Sir Geoffrey for encouraging some Gulf states to employ Mauritians.

Church role in Solidarity negotiations

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

For the first time, the Government admitted yesterday that it was conducting politically sensitive negotiations with the Roman Catholic Church about the possible release of the Solidarity leadership, Poland's most important political prisoners.

Although the announcement by Mr Jerzy Urban, the government spokesman, did not exactly lift the curtain of secrecy over the talks, it did mark a new phase in the bargaining.

It also demonstrated that the Government is still anxious to avoid a show trial of the Solidarity 11, a move that would jeopardize the early lifting of the West's economic sanctions.

The Roman Catholic Church issued an identical statement yesterday.

From the start both sides were in agreement that the evolution and contents of the talks must remain secret.

Archbishop Bronislaw Dabrowski, secretary of the bishops, who has been leading the church negotiations, flew on to Rome to present the results so far to the Vatican strategists. The Primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp, will join him in the next few days and both men are expected to discuss the negotiations with the Pope.

Since Easter, the Government has tried to use former Solidarity advisers as intermediaries, believing that they would be better able to persuade the Solidarity 11 to accept the terms of their release.

The government idea has been either that the prisoners would renounce politics for two and a half years or accept a form of temporary emigration, with their return to Poland guaranteed by the United Nations. The prisoners have refused to accept both offers and at least one – Dr Adam Michnik – has said he will accept either a trial or unconditional freedom.

The spokesman announced yesterday that the main underground leader in prison, Wladslaw Frasyniuk, has been given an additional 10 months' sentence on top of the three years he is serving for oppositional activities.

Spy's life sentence for selling to KGB

Los Angeles – A San Francisco judge yesterday jailed James D. Warner, aged 49, for life after he sold defence secrets to Poland, which then passed them to the KGB (Ivor Davies writes).

Judge Samuel Conti said Harper, an engineer, peddled the documents to Polish agents for between $250,000 (£180,000) and $1m, "not for philosophical reasons, but for greed and money".

The papers, which assessed US strategies against surprise nuclear attacks, were given to Harper by his wife, Ruby Louise Schuler, a secretary at a Silicon Valley research company. She died last summer. The judge said Harper should never be released, although he will be eligible for parole in 1993.

Basque group admits killing

Madrid. – An apparently new guerrilla group has claimed responsibility for Monday's underwater explosion which killed a Spanish naval rating and blew up at launch in Fuenterrabia harbour in the Basque country (Richard Wigg writes).

Police are not certain, however, whether Gatazka, meaning struggle in Basque, is genuinely new or a front organization for ETA, which has attacked naval targets before.

Hindu violence crosses border

Delhi (Reuter) – Punjab violence spread to neighbouring Haryana yesterday, where more than 30 people were arrested during demonstrations over the murder of a Hindu newspaper editor.

Police armed with batons charged stone-throwing protesters in the town of Rohtak. In the Punjab town of Jullundur, about 3,000 people attended funeral services for the editor, Mr Ramesh Chander.

Papers accused

Harare (Reuter) – The Herald newspaper in Zimbabwe has attacked British press reports of alleged army atrocities in Matabeleland, singling out The Sunday Times and The Times for criticism. The Herald said these newspapers catered for the British ruling class which saw nothing good in Zimbabwe.

Jazzman's will



Bandleader Count Basie who left his $1.5m (£1m) estate to his 40-year-old daughter. Diane Basie lived with her father in Freeport, the Bahamas. The estate will be held in trust and administered for her.

Connexion cut

Moscow – The Russians have withdrawn direct telephone dialling from the West to Moscow as suddenly and inexplicably as they had restored it last week. Automatic dialling was first introduced for the Moscow Olympics four years ago but abolished for "technical reasons" in 1982.

Hart pins his hope on Oregon

From Nicholas Ashford
Washington

Senator Gary Hart, mounting a vigorous last-ditch campaign against Mr Walter Mondale, his main rival for the Democratic nomination, yesterday hoped to notch up two more primary victories in Oregon and Nebraska.

Mr Hart, who appeared buoyant after his recent upset defeats of Mr Mondale in Ohio and Indiana, was strongly favoured to win in Oregon, where 43 delegates were at stake.

The Colorado senator had mounted an active campaign in the state which used to play a big role in presidential politics between the 1940s and 1960s, whereas Mr Mondale had ignored it, preferring to concentrate his dwindling funds on the blockbuster primary, which takes place in neighbouring California on June 5.

Mr Hart was also given the edge in Nebraska, where 24 delegates will be pledged on the basis of yesterday's voting.

The Hart camp hoped that good wins in yesterday's races would strengthen his hand

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Central America sours de la Madrid greeting

From Christoper Thomas, Washington

President Miguel de la Madrid of Mexico began his first state visit to the United States yesterday on a note of tension between the two countries over the crisis in Central America. Officals of both governments concede that there is little prospect of closing the gap during the Mexican President's three-day trip.

Señor de la Madrid delivered a barbed appeal to the US to follow the principles of international law established by the countries of the American continent, a clear reference to the planting of mines by the Central Intelligence Agency in the three mani harbours of Nicaragua earlier this year.

Speaking on the south lawn of the White House during the welcoming ceremonies, he said the principles to be followed included self-determination, non-intervention, equality of states before the law and peaceful solution of conflicts.

"Peace has been disrupted in Central America and the risk of a generalized war, the scope and duration of which no one can foresee, is growing", he said. "Every country on the continent must do its utmost to restore peace and avoid war by respecting and upholding the sovereign right of its people to decide their own destiny."

Mexico prides itself on independence in foreign policy and American officials say there will be no attempt to try to persuade President de la Madrid to distance himself from Nicaragua and Cuba.

The Central American crisis will dominate the visit, although during talks with President Reagan at the White House yesterday there was discussion of trade problems and the effect of high interest rates. Mexico has imposed severe economic measures to meet interest payments on its external debt of $80 billion (£57 billion).

President Reagan's welcoming speech also contained some barbs. "For the United States the conflagration in Central America appears too close to ignore", he said. "Like a fire in one's neighbourhood, this threat should be of concern to every nation in the hemisphere."

He did not mention Nicaragua or Cuba by name, but referred to those who poured petrol on to the fires by pumping massive supplies of weapons into Central America.

US judge orders fresh 'Briefgate' review

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

Just when the Reagan Administration believed it has laid the so-called "Briefingate" controversy to rest, a US judge has ordered a special inquiry into how the 1980 presidential campaign for Ronald Reagan managed to obtain briefing papers from the Carter White House.

The Federal district judge, Mr Harold Greene, saying that the case bore "an uncanny resemblance to Watergate", has called for the appointment of an independent counsel, or special prosecutor, to investigate possible crimes by senior Reagan officials.

The Justice Department, which closed its own investigation of the "Briefingate" case earlier this year, said it would appeal

Judge Greene said the handling of the case by Mr William French Smith, the Attorney-General, had been arbitrary and unlawful. He rejected Mr Smith's argument that no judge had legal authority to review the Justice Department's conclusion that there was "no credible evidence that the transfer (of the Carter papers) violated any criminal law".

Judge Greene cited admissions made last year by Mr James Baker, President Reagan's chief of staff, Mr David Stockman, the budget director and others who said they had received what Mr Stockman once called "filched" Carter papers.

The judge also cited statements by Mr William Casey, head of the CIA, contradicting Mr Baker's statement that Mr Casey had given him the papers.

New York art bonanza as Big Moma expands

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

New York's Big Moma has grown even bigger. Moma is the Museum of Modern Art, one of the world's most magnificent cultural showplaces and institutions and it is reopening tomorrow after expansion and renovation which doubles its exhibition space.

The museum now dominates the north side of West 53rd Street between Fifth Avenue and the Avenue of the Americas in mid-town Manhattan. To its original building, the stark white marble and glass block considered daring when it was opened in 1939, has been added a great west wing. This six-storey expansion in grey, white and blue glass is surmounted by a 44-floor apartment block known as Museum Tower.

With the original structure, the east wing added 20 years ago, and the new west wing, the museum stretches for nearly 100 yards, an impressive and massive glass-panelled home for some of the world's greatest art collections.

Moma was founded in 1929 by seven people who wanted to encourage public appreciation of twentieth-century visual art. It started off in rented space and was then in a house before it moved to its avant-garde building in 1939.

From an initial kerwel of eight prints and a drawing, the museum's collection has grown to more than 100,000 works: sculptures, printings, drawings, photographs, films and industrial and textile designs. The museum was a pioneer in recognizing film and photography as art forms

Australian inquiry on atom tests

From Tony Dubondin
Melbourne

The federal Government has set up a committee to investigate whether any Australians were put at risk by British nuclear tests here in the 1950s and 1960s.

It is headed by Professor Charles Kerr of Sydney University's preventive and social medicine unit, the Cabinet announced yesterday. It has been given just 16 days in which to report back.

The appointment comes after allegations that Aborigines died as a result of secret British tests at Maralinga in the outback of South Australia in 1963.

Mr Bill Hayden, the Foreign Minister, who is in London, has been assured by Britain that there were no secret nuclear tests.

● British assurance: Britain has assured Australia that it will make available all possible information about nuclear tests at Maralinga between 1952 and 1963 (Simon Scott Plummer writes).

After talks on Monday with Mrs Thatcher and Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Mr Hayden said that arrangements for the 12 nuclear explosions carried out by Britain between 1952 and 1957 had been "careless, if not downright incompetent".

Soviet conquest of valley appears secure but fierce fighting continues

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

The Soviet conquest of the strategic Panjshir valley in Afghanistan has moved to a new stage in the past week, according to western diplomatic sources in Dehli. The floor of the valley is now reported to be more or less secure – although there are still occasional reports of Soviet-backed troops being compelled to withdraw – and the fight has now been taken to the side valleys.

The principal valleys involved in the struggle appear to be those on the southern wall of the Panjshir, and the key Andarab valley which leads out of the Panjshir to the northern side of the Hindu Kush. It is the only relatively easy route north out of Kabul apart from the heavily-guarded Salang pass.

Most diplomatic sources agree that fighting in the side valleys has been fierce, and that the Soviet and regime forces have taken a number of casualties.

One Western spokesman said that helicopter-borne troops had been lifted into the Andarab valley. According to what were described as "multiple sources" there was heavy fighting at the valley mouth.

At the beginning of May a Soviet coloumn was reported to have left Jalalabad in the south to head for the valley. Instead of travelling what would have been a normal route along the Kabul river gorge the column turned north and apparently entered the Panjshir area through the Hazara valley. At the same time a column from Gulbahar at the mouth of the Panjshir also moved into the Hazara valley, trapping any Mujahideen forces inside.

Snow in the high valleys has hampered the operations of regular troops and the guerrillas, but there has been a flood of casualties into hospitals in and around Kabul.

According to the diplomats, grave diggers at the "Martyrs' cemetery" in Kabul have been working overtime with up to 40 burials a day. Early in May four lorry loads of Afghan dead were seen at Kabul airport and the convoy of ambulances from the airport to area hospitals "is a common sight."

Blood and plasma are said to be in short supply.

Two skilful ruses on the part of the Russians have led to a number of Mujahidin being trapped. According to one source the Soviets staged a false airdrop of troops using dummies, to attract Mujahidin fire. The locations of rebel firing were pinpointed and promptly attacked by helicopter gun ships.

Russian fires on crowd

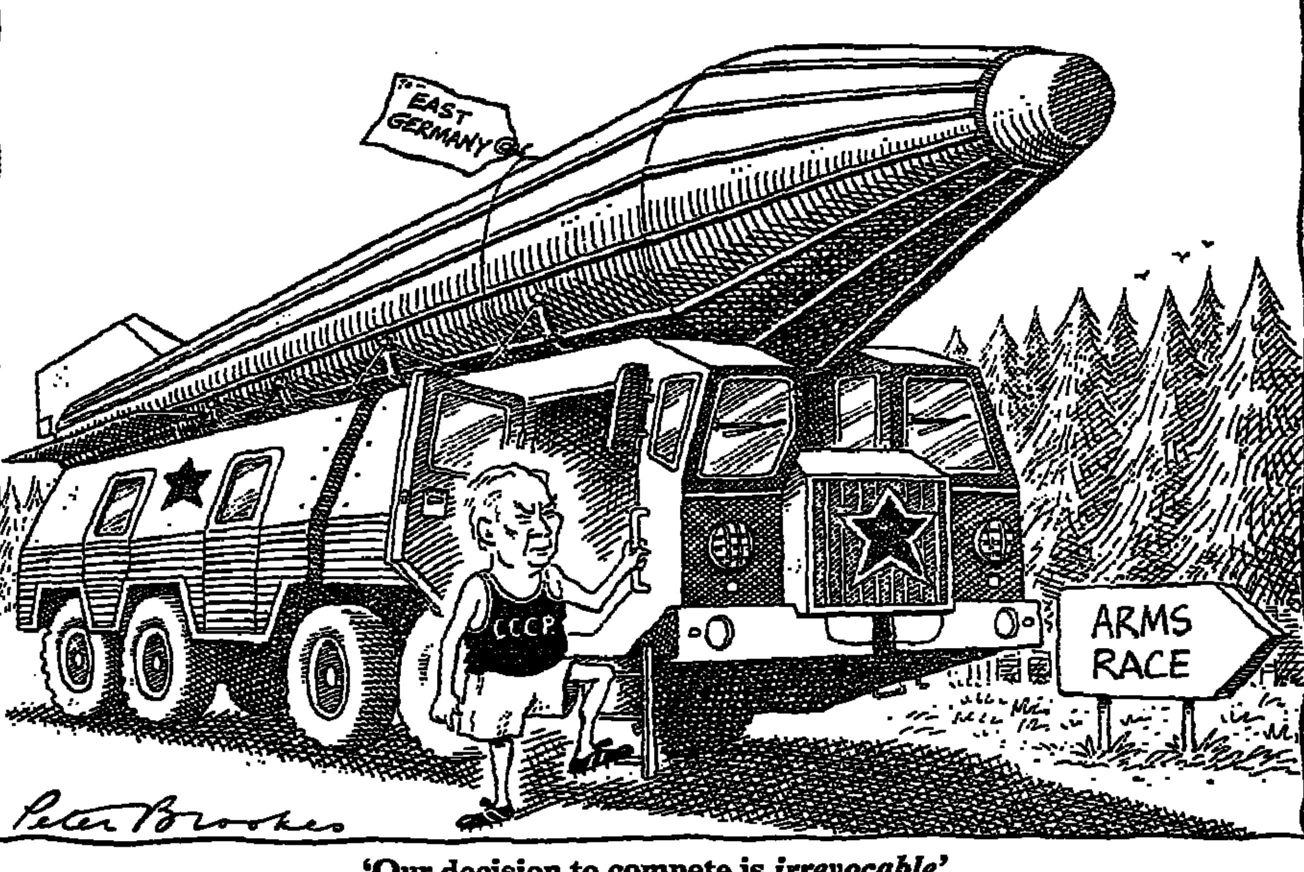
From Our Own Correspondent, Delhi

A Russian soldier in Kabul let fly with his automatic rifle at a crowd of people waiting at a bus stand a week ago, killing at least six people and wounding 12 others.

The incident happened at the Taimani bus depot at evening rush hour on May 7. A jeep carrying three or four uniformed soldiers careered out of the Soviet enclave at Khairkhana nearby and drove erratically up to the bus stand where 24 people were waiting. The soldier in the rear of the jeep opened fire, sweeping the crowd with bullets. The jeep did a U-turn, the soldier opened fire again and the jeep stormed back into Khairkhana.

According to eyewitnesses the wounded included three girls aged 15, a uniformed Afghan officer, several soldiers, a woman with a child and several old people.

One report said that the soldier who opened fire had been startled by the crowd's sudden surge. Diplomats say the more likely explanation is that the jeep's onslaught was a revenge raid for an ambush in which seven Russians died.



'Our decision to compete is *irrevocable*'

Bush visit to India ends on a rueful note

From Our Own Correspondent Delhi

Mr George Bush, the American Vice-President, concluded his visit to India yesterday on a slightly rueful note. Noting that his talks with Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister had been "friendly, frank, and I think, productive," he admitted that there were differences between their attitudes. He identified one area of disagreement as "financial arrangements with multilateral institutions" – a reference to America's lack of enthusiasm for increased payments to the International Development Bank, and other lending organizations, He also spoke of "differences in relations, which I have glossed over," During a press conference called to mark the end of his meetings

He said that "we have assured our Indian friends" that arms sent to their neighbours, Pakistan, "are not in way intended to destabilize them. We are not trying to diminish India's interests in any way at all."

Mr Bush flew last night to Islamabad, where he was assured of a rather warmer welcome. The United States is a major arms supplier to the regime of President Zia Haq, but even here Mr Bush said yesterday the "we have made it very very clear to Pakistan, that it is not in our interest to upgrade some of the equipment that they have."

Yugoslav reshuffle brings in talented pragmatists

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

Yugoslavia conducted a major reshuffle in the state presidency yesterday as well as in other institutions which the late President Tito created to prevent a power struggle after his death.

In the four years since Tito's death Yugoslavia has had serious economic problems and many deficiencies have come to light in the system itself.

The most important change in the reshuffle was that five of the nine members of the state presidency were replaced.

The new personalities in the team are significant. The five newcomers are not liberals.

Mr Stane Dolanc, who represents Slovenia, is Federal Secretary in charge of internal affairs and is regarded as one of Yugoslavia's ablest politicians. Mr Branko Mikulic, from Bosnia and Herzegovina, recently proved his organizational talent when, starting from scratch, he organized the winter Olympic Games in Sarajevo.

There are also two men with experience as Foreign Minister – Mr Josip Vrhovec from Croatia, and Mr Lazar Mojsov, who is currently in charge of the foreign department. Serbia is represented by General Nikola Ljubicic, who was Defence Secretary from the 1960s until Tito's death

Hanoi's search for friends

China syndrome dominates policy

Obsessed with China and heavily dependent on Russia, Hanoi is trying to broaden its international links. as ***David Watts****, South-East Asia Correspondent, reports in the last of three articles on Vietnam.*

For a country its enemies claim is on the verge of economic and diplomatic collapse, Vietnam shows remarkable resilience.

Ties with Western countries are cool at best and Vietnam's sources of Western technology are limited to Sweden and the United Nations development programme.

On its northern frontier China threatens to "bleed Vietnam white" with the help of some friends in South-East Asia. Even fellow members of the Soviet block, such as Romania and North Korea, recognize the Cambodian resistance coalition which opposes the Vietnamese presence in Cambodia. The new American friendship with China ensures that there will be no early balancing out of Vietnam's relations between East and West.

The one bright spot for Hanoi's leaders at present is Australia, where the Hawke Government hopes to repeat the historic break-through the Australian Labour Party made in helping to open up China to the West.

So important is this "new friend" to Hanoi, in fact, that a mission to search for missing Australian servicemen will arrive this month ahead of a similar American mission which was put off earlier for "technical reasons". The Vietnamese are pointedly allowing the Australians to go straight into the countryside to search for missing bodies, something the Americans have never been allowed to do.

The key to broadening Vietnam's foreign contacts and sources of assistance is the unresolved problem of Cambodia. Get some sort of compromise there and Hanoi could move away from what Mr Pham Binh, the director of Vietnam's Institute of Foreign Relations, calls "the one option" – the Soviet Union. "Two options are good and three are even better," he said.

Throughout our two weeks in Vietnam the message from all government officials was always the same: Vietnam wants a broader spread of relations.

But they were equally single-minded in their vision of China as a constant, malevolent force waiting for the slightest sign of weakness.

To party officials the Chinese connexion with the Khmer Rouge struggle to regain power in Cambodia is so manifestly a threat to Vietnam and the undesirability of allowing Pol Pot to return to power so clear that it scarcely needs repeating.

The long historical view prevails. Where else in the world would an army commander go back to the year 979 to put his opinion of the implacable Chinese into perspective?

Unfortunately for the Vietnamese, the memories of Westerners are not so long and



they are more likely to look at legal rather than historical arguments.

To the Vietnamese the Chinese threat transcends everything. If the Western governments are unable to comprehend that or prefer to pursue policies pleasing to Washington and Peking then Hanoi will just have to bide its time for aid. After all, the Chinese dominated Vietnam for one thousand years and the present little contretemps with the West, in its colonial and post-colonial forms, has lasted a mere 30 years.

At the drop of a journalist's question, the Foreign Minister, Mr Nguyen Co Thach, will rail against the countries which, he believes, should take a more independent stance in their policies towards Vietnam, especially Japan.

"Making aid conditional on Kampuchea is an insult to my country. We are not beggars. If Japan thinks that it can dictate to my country they are wrong."

Singapore comes in for some equally strong words yet it is these two countries' free economies that are contributing the most, indirectly through trade, to the rehabilitation of the Vietnamese economy.

Concluded

Captain admits forcing stowaways to jump

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The Greek captain and 11 crew members of the 16,000-ton freighter Garifaliac were charged yesterday with abuse of power and causing grievous bodily harm to eleven young Kenyan stowaways. The seamen have admitted forcing the stowaways to jump overboard into a sea full of sharks, while sailing off the Somalian coast on March 17.

The men were arrested after the ship docked in Piraeus last week, and four crewmen denounced them to the authorities. They claimed that captain Antonis Plytzanopoulos and several crewmen had forced the stowaways into lifebelts, from which the ship's name had been erased, and beat them with steel rods to make them jump, although some pleaded they could not swim.

The captain told the investigating magistrate that the stowaways had revolted and he had had to take this course to protect his crew. The Greek authorities are making inquiries to find out whether the stowaways, aged between 14 and 25, survived. If they did not, it is expected, the charge will be changed to manslaughter.

Mr George Katsifaras, the Minister of Merchant Marine, expressed "profound grief, indignation and horror" at the "beastly deed". He said: "This inhuman behaviour, this nightmarish emergence of a medieval concept about the value of human life, was perpetrated by a group of men who have no right to call themselves Greeks or seamen."

● MOMBASA: Kenyan officials said yesterday they feared all 11 Kenyan stowaways thrown overboard from the ship had drowned (Reuter reports).

The port police chief, Mr W. K. Murithi said investigations had been started but there was no news of the stowaways. A spokesman for the ship's agents denied all knowledge of the incident.



Presidential hopeful Jesse Jackson has shaken conventional assumptions with his plain, forceful language, but **William Greider** asks if he can translate that charisma into something more lasting

Is Jackson's jive enough?



Jive talk and biblical metaphor: Rev Jesse Jackson addresses a political rally in Washington

Listening to Jesse Jackson's rich metaphors, watching him charm and inspire crowds, I was reminded of someone from the political past, but I couldn't figure out who. Finally, it came to me – George Wallace.

Both Jackson and Wallace are political outsiders who invaded the world of orthodox presidential politics and shook up conventional assumptions. They were able to do that because both are brilliant at the lost art of American politics – speaking to common folk in plain and forceful language.

In some ways, of course, the comparison is terribly unfair. But it poses the right question about Jesse Jackson's extraordinary campaign of 1984, for he faces a dilemma similar to Wallace's. The issue is whether Jesse can translate his flash and charisma into a lasting position of influence, whether he is smart enough to rise above his limitations and play in the big leagues of national politics. In short, can Jesse Jackson become something more than a black version of George Wallace?

Wallace threw a fright into the regular order of presidential politics in 1968 and 1972, providing a voice of protest for the millions who felt ignored and abused. Jesse Jackson, likewise, has aroused millions of disenfranchised Americans – mainly poor blacks who have never voted before – and inspired them to enter the electoral process. Yet, like George Wallace, Jesse Jackson has a disabling stain of character that may well subvert the positive impact he could have on American politics in the future.

Wallace was never able to grasp genuine political power, because everyone in the Democratic Party understood that the core of his appeal was anti-black sentiment. In a less obvious sense, Jesse Jackson now has a similar problem: the whiff of anti-Semitism in his public persona. It contradicts everything he is trying to do and may prove fatal to his long-term political prospects if he does not deal with it.

But, it is the jive talk and Biblical metaphor that makes him so compelling.

"Stop the killing abroad and start healing at home."

"It's cheaper to feed the child than to jail the man."

"America is not one big piece of cloth. America is a quilt with many different colours and textures, all patched together. The genius of our country is that everybody fits in."

"I can talk to the superpowers. I've been talking to *the* Superpower all my life."

Everyone in the church smiled, laughed or chanted in assent. "That's right. Amen." In the pulpit, Jackson is irresistible, a master of the melodramatic cadences of the black preacher, with his artful repetition and eloquent allusions. "If you want someone who will speak for the poor," he booms, "here am I. Send me. If you want one who believes in peace and lives accordingly, here am I. Send me."

None of this eloquence, of course, makes very good headlines, and the lasting impression Jackson leaves among unsympathetic white voters is, in all probability, as a candidate with glib tongue and not much else. This is wrong and unfair. There is actually a rather high quotient of substance – real issues and well-developed positions – in Jesse Jackson's rhetoric, but it's packaged for the common people, not for the media.

'He yearns to be a permanent force'

Looking back, it is not clear that George Wallace ever knew exactly what he wanted to accomplish in national politics, aside from scaring the hell out of the Democratic establishment. Jesse Jackson wants much more. He yearns to become a permanent political force who can take his place at the inner councils, a responsible power broker and maybe even a serious contender for high office someday. He is only 42 years old, which gives him a wide horizon upon which to imagine his own future.

Jackson's ambitions, though never stated so directly, are obvious when he talks about what he hopes to accomplish at the Democratic convention in San Francisco. The party's managers are very nervous about that question, fearful that Jackson will stage the kind of theatrical confrontation he employed as a young insurgent a decade ago. They know that the Democratic nominee must come to terms with Jackson, because his active campaigning for the ticket this fall will be crucial for producing a huge turnout of new black voters. If Jackson's terms are too outrageous, the bargaining might be counterproductive.

That will be the dilemma for whoever gets the nomination. Jackson's dilemma is the same thing turned inside out. In order to demonstrate strength and steadfastness to his followers, Jackson must win some concessions from the Democratic leaders on behalf of his constituency. But if he reaches too far, demanding the impossible, he'll become merely disruptive – a permanent outsider, like George Wallace. It's a delicate proposition and will be a fair test of Jackson's political savvy: If he manoeuvres successfully through the next two months, then he will probably retain considerable influence, whether party leaders like it or not.

The candidate himself seems sensitive to these risks. At the convention, "my role would be to expand our party, not to divide it", Jackson says. "My role would be to redeem and reconcile our party, not to destroy it. People who keep seeing me in the confrontational role are dealing with a stereotype, drawing a straw man that's not me."

Jackson's advisers, led by a brainy young political scientist named Ron Walters, are presently translating the candidate's agenda into tangible declarations that will be presented at the Democratic platform hearings. "My commitment is fairly broad and obvious," says Jackson. "I'm for peace abroad and social justice at home . . . ." Will Jesse Jackson make a big floor fight? Will he make demands that would make the candidate jump off the cliff? No. I will be clear, and I will represent the demands of the rainbow coalition, but I don't see that as an angry confrontation.

There are many areas where all our interests converge, and I think that the more problems we resolve before the convention, the better. Most of these issues can be negotiated and settled beforehand."

The principal item on Jackson's list is the introduction of political reforms that would greatly improve the chances of minority candidates' winning state and local offices. Ultimately, these would influence future presidential nominations as well. One of Jackson's strongest contributions to the political dialogue this season has been to educate everyone on the enduring inequities of election rules – barriers that make it much more difficult for minority candidates to win, even when there are large concentrations of minority voters.

Some of Jackson's positions, like reducing US troop commitments to Europe and Japan, are simply too advanced for Mondale and Hart. My impression is that Jackson won't push such issues to the point of stark conflict. But I suspect he will insist on a new look at American priorities. If Jackson can use his new leverage to move the Democratic Party towards a more honest statement of war-and-peace priorities, it will be a worthy struggle. Conventional wisdom, of course, holds that Democrats must support the military spending splurge, lest they be accused of weakness. But in the crisis-torn world, this deserves to be decided as a matter of deep principle, not political advantage. Besides, if American voters want another four years of hawkish belligerence and obscene military budgets, they will surely elect Reagan over any pale Democratic imitation.

Jackson has been trying to goad Mondale and Hart to confront the toughest question they would face, if elected: If a new Democratic president wants to spend billions of dollars rebuilding America's roads, bridges, schools and basic industries, where will the money come from? Jackson has an answer – cut the defence budget and raise taxes. "We need a plan and a policy to end slums and revitalize cities and put America back to work", Jackson says, "but you can't do that and keep on allowing the military budget to go up. We've got a war budget in peacetime. Hart and Mondale are not as bad as Reagan, but they're going in the same direction. There's no evidence from either of them of a new direction on our budget priorities."

'I will represent the rainbow coalition'

Jackson has moderated his posture on certain volatile issues – particularly the Middle East. For some years, he has identifed himself with the Palestinian cause, touring Arab nations and meeting with PLO leader Yassir Arafat. This year, he's insisting upon "mutual recognition" of Israel by the hostile Arab governments as part of a Palestinian settlements.

"All of us want the same thing – peace in the Middle East," Jackson says. "It's a question of strategy. Mondale and Hart have painted themselves into a corner by pandering to Israeli concerns about moving our embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, when even many Israelis are opposed to that. That's a diversion that doesn't contribute anything. We've got to spend more time trying to get the Arabs to stop the onerous war against Israel, rather than just selling more arms to both sides. That's got to be done with negotiation. We've got to work out some sort of mutual recognition."

This sort of talk does not sound like a man bent on creating a dramatic showdown at San Francisco. It sounds more like a young politician who sees a future for himself, who'd like to deliver a memorable speech at the convention hall that would ignite the party and send the troops marching off to victory in the fall.

If that happens, Jesse Jackson's political influence will be secure for the future. If Jackson's candidacy produces only the kind of conflict and disunity that will help reelect Ronald Reagan, then he will lose his stature. If that were to happen, Jesse Jackson really would be remembered as just a different version of George Wallace.

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Just a whim-fashioned thought

moreover . . . Miles Kington

It always gives me a thrill when I spot a new usage creep into the language, like coypus infiltrating the hitherto uncoypued landscape of Norfolk, and I would like everyone to give a big hand to the hyphenated noun-plus-participle masquerading as an adjective.

If that sounds ugly, and it's meant to, let me give you an example. "Index-linked pension." A noun, a hyphen, a participle. We all know what it means. It means inflation-proof. Only to make it sound slightly grander, we say that it is linked to the cost-of-living index. It doesn't sound too bad, but then one coypu in the landscape is quite acceptable.

Another now common example is the description of diseases like cancer as "smoking-related". This is an adjective used by scientists who are perfectly certain that smoking causes cancer but haven't finally proved it, so are reduced to saying that it is linked to smoking. Quite unobjectionable, but two coypus in the countryside should cause no alarm.

When a third appears, I do begin to hear alarm bells. It appeared in the *Herald Tribune*, about a month ago. In the run-up to the elections in the Philippines, nearly a dozen people had been shot or otherwise done to death for their political beliefs, or ambitions, and the Trib had referred to these incidents as "election-related deaths". These linguistic coypus are obviously beginning to mate and have strange offspring.

The fourth coypu was duly sighted last week, again in the *Herald Tribune*. (Let nobody think I am criticizing this excellent paper, which is the first one I turn to every morning.) They printed a photograph of a man riding on horseback with water up to his knees, down the main street of a small American town. The presence of so much water, the caption explained, was due to "rain-caused floods".

Now, this is where we must start to call a halt, or to go out and shoot these pesky coypus before they take a hold. This little construction will become a bad habit, a reflex-linked action, before we know where we are. I suspect that we are dealing with an American-derived fad, which is why it is a *Tribune*-associated phenomenon, that Paris-domiciled newspaper being an expatriate-orientated publication though it is also a European-angled daily. That, if you didn't notice, was an example-stuffed sentence. I find the whole thing a nausea-operated topic.

The unwieldiness of it comes out best if we apply it to a well-known piece of writing. Here is a Wordsworth-derived stanza.

I wandered like a care-linked cloud
That floats on high o'er height-caused hills
When all at once I saw a crowd
Of bulb-connected daffodils.
Dancing 'neath the branch-formed trees
In time with the waltz-tempoed breeze.

If the scientists and medics still think that there is a place for this construction in scientific language, I offer another version.

I roamed in cloud-related gloom
Through lake-associated hills
When all at once I caught a rheum,
A nasty go of damp-linked chills.
Beside the acord-started trees
I shivered in the wind-caused breeze.

Gentlemen, my case rests. I adopt a coypu-opposed position.

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1 Wartime French resistance (6)
4 Advocate persistently (6)
7 Heavy shower (4)
8 Apostate (8)
9 Spotted horse (8)
13 Seek plaintively (3)
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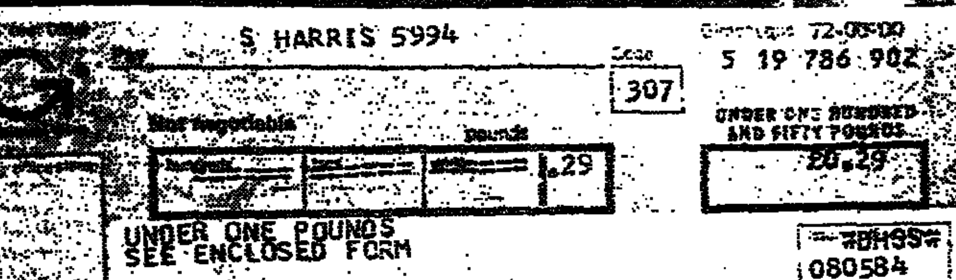
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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Ten years after covering the pit strike that brought down the Tory Government, Caroline Moorehead returns to the Midlands coalfields to meet the wives of miners embroiled in another bitter dispute

Villages with hatred in their midst





Top: the Harris family. "Our freezer is bare. We eat bacon bits and the eternal baked beans". Above: Steve Harris's weekly social security cheque for 29 pence.

Mary Barton belongs to a Midlands family of seven sisters and sisters-in-law whose miner husbands are on strike. She lives in Duckmanton, a tidy, prosperous looking red brick village in north Derbyshire where the pits have been closed since March 13. Her sister-in-law, Susan, lives 12 miles away in Nottinghamshire coal board territory. Susan's husband's pit, Bolsover, is still open but most of the men are on strike, her husband among them.

The Bartons are a close and strong family and the women are extraordinarily united. "We know now just what it would be like if the pits close". It would be like it is now: debts, children a bit hungry, all of us rather cold. But people don't realize: the pit is the living for these villages. There is nothing else. What's going to happen to our lads? Me and my kids will eat grass before we give in.

Ten years ago, in the middle of the 1974 miner's strike, I drove round these same villages, talking to wives. It was the same time of year, still rather cold; the women were at home, rationing their coal in small fires. But it was different then. There was substantial public support for men seen to be battling for a decent reward for an unpleasant and dangerous job and the women believed it was really a question of hanging on.

Now they seem apprehensive, hostile. More than that, the women themselves have changed, and they are proud of it. "In 1974, we still felt our place was really in the kitchen," said Mary Barton, a round faced, smiling woman who has lived through three strikes, first as miner's daughter, supporting eight people on her wages, now as a mother with children. "Now we're taking action for ourselves. It's got through to us: we have to fight too."

This spirit has inspired the setting up of womens' action groups in virtually every colliery village in the area, groups of the more organized and outspoken wives who meet in church halls or Labour clubs to make up food parcels for the needy, to prepare leaflets on benefits and rights and to visit other wives at home. Betty Heathfield, one of the main forces behind the Chesterfield action group said: "The day we started it hit us like a bomb. Everywhere we went we found women desperate about their social security giros, about debts they couldn't pay, and furious about 'Tebbit's Law'. That's what got to them, the Government holding back £15 a week on the grounds that it's being paid in strike benefit, which of course it's not. They feel they're being attacked, and their kids are not going to eat."

The strike has not been easy on families. Everywhere there are stories of hardship and great fear about the future. There is the young woman who ordered a £196 gravestone for her dead baby and was harassed by the firm who carved it to pay her bill; there is the family where husband, wife and son all work for the National Coal Board and, as all three are striking, not one is entitled to any money.

Jennifer Harris is 27 and the mother of five-year-old twin girls. She lives in a well-cared for house in Mastin Moor, just inside the north Derbyshire border. Her husband Steve, an NCB fitter, has been on strike since March. "We're lucky. I have £25 a week coming in doing part-time work in a hairdresser's" she said. "But the woman who runs it is all against the strike and though I keep quiet, I keep thinking I may lose it. Then we've got some money saved up from when Steve lost a bit of a finger in the mine."

The Harris's savings have almost all gone. Since Jennifer is working, they get 29 pence a week in social security and £13 family allowances for the twins. They pay £60 a month mortgage for the house and £100 for a car which will take another two years to pay off. A further £30 a month goes towards the television.

"Our freezer is bare, Jennifer said. I now do the washing just once a week. I daren't go to the supermarket in case I see things and can't resist them. We eat bacon bits and the eternal baked beans. What happens when our savings go? When the car insurance comes up?"

Last week, after a stormy debate, Labour controlled Chesterfield council allocated £50,000 towards the poorest miners' families. Afterwards some of the women explained why they needed it so badly.

Sara Collins is in her early thirties, a small, tense woman. She has three sons aged 13, 11 and eight. "We used to get about £90 a week when my husband was working. Now we get about £35 in all", she said. "But the giros always arrive late, so you can't count on anything. My boys now get one meal a day: sausages, if they're lucky, and Smash – proper potatoes are too expensive. No fresh vegetables. No biscuits. One pint of milk a day. We share Sunday dinner with a neighbour to save electricity.

Jane Greenham has only one child, a five-year-old boy. She also has three large dogs – a collie, spaniel and retriever. "A bag of dried dog food costs £7.50. That lasts three weeks. I'm overdrawn £150 and that's been stopped. The dogs will have to go. I've had to borrow school shoes for my boy. There's no doubt about it: Thatcher is trying to starve us out."

The Chesterfield Women's Action group directs its fury against the non-striking Nottinghamshire miners whose backing, they insist, could have brought the strike to an end weeks ago. They talk about their visits to the picket lines with a kind of comradely excitement, rather as if they were inside a war zone.

No woman has yet been arrested, but there will definitely be more women picketing, they say.

Possibly the saddest spectacle in the mining villages is not the hardship, which with summer coming is not so apparent, but the growing fractures within village communities.

In Nottinghamshire, relations between opposing families are bad – and getting worse. Those in the minority, be they strikers or workers, are becoming targets of abuse, threats, ostracism, and even sporadic violence. The women are not always served in shops; window panes are smashed; cars stoned. Police sometimes accompany men home as protection. In one village, a young girl working in a colliery office arrived home recently with the back of her jacket covered in spit. Her father burnt it.

Jill is 31, an untidy, unhappy looking woman; she did not want to give her real name. She has three small children and her husband, Paul, who joined the strike at the beginning, returned to work when they realized that since they only rent their NCB house in Bolsover, they could be evicted if they failed to meet the payments. They have just over £100 coming in each week. In her immediate neighbourhood, only five other miners are at work.

"Sometimes I feel guilty. I go shopping and know my husband's got more than most", said Jill. "But I don't see why women should fall out over what's happened." She said that she had been living in Bolsover for nine years and had eight friends. "It's entirely up to them whether they talk to me or not. I'm not bothered." Suddenly she started crying. "Please don't write who I am. I don't think I could bear it. It's been all right 'til now. I've managed. But what could they do to my children?"

Edith (also a false name) lives in a corner house two streets away. She is a wiry, cheerful woman with an immaculately tidy house. Boy George is playing on the hi-fi. She is also very defiant. Her husband has never come out on strike. "I don't feel a bit guilty – why should I?" she said. "The pits are open, the men can work. I think if you let it bother you, you're lost. I wouldn't tell my husband if I was threatened. He'd come out on strike. But personally I'm dead against it. I think they ought to bring the troops in."

She finds it strange that not one of her five sisters, all married to miners on strike, and all of whom own cars, have been to see her.

This bitterness will not end with the strike. Several women told me that there were still feuds left over the from the 1974 strike. Others spoke of friends who will no longer meet each other, of mothers who claim they will no longer see their striking sons, of brothers and team mates divided within the same collieries.

And then there are the debts. "Ten years ago these villages were different", Betty Heathfield said. "You're not a success now if you haven't a car, or a television, or a tumble dryer and fitted carpets. Salesmen come round these estates with double glazing and special brickwork and fancy new carpets – all on hire purchase. None of us live on our wages any more. It's just come home to us.

"Today, while the strike lasts, the gas board and the mortgage companies seem willing to freeze the debts or let us pay a little on accounts. But what's going to happen when it's all over? Bills, bills – and terrible hatred."

Weekly budget for a typical miner's family with non-working wife

	On strike	Working
Income and benefits	£36.55	£123.00
Expenditure		
Mortgage and hire purchase	£5.66*	£41.66
Energy	£7.50	£16.00
Food	£23.50	£43.85
Entertainment	–	£29.00
	£36.66	£130.51

*Some payments frozen

Patricia Clough on the anguish facing every parent whose child has vanished without a trace

Until you know for certain



John Tate: appealing to runaways to let their parents know where they are

For John Tate, the anguish of the parents of the three north London children abducted this week is all too familiar. His own nightmare began one summer's day six years ago when he saw two girls coming down the garden path wheeling his daughter's bicycle. It had been found by the side of the road, they said. His daughter had vanished.

It was more than two and a half years before John Tate was able to think rationally and face up to the possibility that his daughter Genette – 13 when she vanished – was probably dead. It was even longer before he could speak of her disappearance without breaking down.

After nearly six years and a conversion to Christianity, he can now cope. But until he knows for certain what happened to Genette, the not knowing whether to hope or mourn will never really end. Asked what is worse, to have your child die or not know her fate, he replies, quite simply, "not to know."

Each year thousands of parents in Britain go through the appalling experience of John Tate and now the parents of Denise Boezalt, Emma Bishop and Ian Ward. For most, although it may seem an eternity, the suffering is mercifully short. Usually missing children turn up safe and well within weeks, often within days. Most are traced within two weeks.

For fewer than a dozen families, however, the anguish goes on for months, even years. Some never learn what happened. No one knows how many children in Britain disappear each year, for, curiously, no one bothers to count. But Scotland Yard deals with some 3,000 cases – young Londoners or children from the provinces believed to have headed for London.

Most missing children run away of their own accord. There are many reasons – a row with their parents, failure at school, unhappiness, the attraction of a pop group. Below the age of 14, boys are the more adventurous: Scotland Yard is asked to look for around 300 a year and only 200 girls. But between the ages of 14 and 18, the 1982 figure was 1,600 girls and 1,250 boys.

John Pope, who heads Scotland Yard's Missing Persons' Bureau, says the reasons for this reversal can only be guessed at: earlier maturity, possibly; resentment against parental control, which tends to be tighter over girls; a small but significant minority of immigrant girls rebelling against arranged marriages.

Given the suffering, not to mention the trouble, caused by the disappearance of children it seems strange that more is not done to prevent it. Mr Tate had this partly in mind when he set up an organization called International Find a Child.

The police, too, have often wondered whether to set up a national organization but have always concluded that the present inter-force cooperation is sufficient.

All that can be done, Mr Tate and Mr Pope agree, is to try to bring home important advice to parents.

There is no way, they say, that a secretly deranged person can be stopped from seeking to abduct children. But children must be alerted of the dangers of speaking to strangers.

"It is not enough to warn them about not accepting sweets," says Mr Pope.

The Home Office has issued a bookmark for children with a drawing of the wolf in Red Riding Hood's grandmother's clothing on one side and advice on the other wide. Always play with friends, it says, never alone. Never get into a stranger's car. Always tell your mum and dad where you will be. If ever you are frightened ask an adult lady for help, or go to a policeman.

Both men insist that is is necessary to exert parental authority. Make sure you know where your child is, and with whom. Fix a time for him or her to be home. Parents should always make a mental note of what their children are wearing, and the amount of money they have with them. "Don't be a friend, be a parent", says Mr Tate.

If a child disappears, the search is assisted by a recent photograph. Mr Tate is campaigning for schools to take annual photographs of their pupils.

He is also appealing to runaways – in cards being distributed to long distance lorry drivers to get in touch with their families "no need to say where you are, just let your family know how you are.

THE TIMES COOK

Shona Crawford Poole

Timely scallops

People, said the fishmonger accusingly, are always coming in clutching recipes for fish which is out of season.

Surely the cuttings were old, and the customers had simply not realized, I parried, gamely but perhaps unwisely in defence of all writers of recipes.

Not a bit of it, said the fishmonger, lowering his voice confidentially. Publications which should know better got their seasons wrong.

Come, come. Scallops are in their prime just now, said I with a meaningfully dismissive glance at his scallop-free slab.

Why yes, they are at their best, and there had been plenty last week, confessed the merchant. But this week had been too cold for scallops. The divers will not go down for them when it is too cold, you know. What about frozen scallops? He had them frozen.

Ingredients should pose no serious problems. The large, uncooked prawns called for in the second recipe are almost certain to have been frozen and they will ideally weigh about 85g (3oz) each without their heads.

Fresh ginger can be found in many supermarkets and greengrocers as well as in Indian, Chinese and other oriental foodshops. Straw mushrooms are a Chinese variety sold in tins for which small, tightly shut button mushrooms could be substituted. Dry sherry can stand in for rice wine, and Parma ham for the more authentic Yunnan ham.

Sautéed scallops with asparagus
Serves two to three

- 6 fresh scallops (only the cushions are used in Hongkong)
- 1 teaspoon cornflour
- ½ egg white
- 1 tablespoon water
- 12 fresh asparagus spears
- 1 medium carrot
- 3 small slices fresh ginger
- 6 straw mushrooms
- Peanut oil for frying

For the thickening

- ½ teaspoon cornflour
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 tablespoon rice wine
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon monosodium glutamate (optional)

Slice the white scallop cushions into medallions about 1 cm (scant ½ inch) thick. To improve their flavour and texture soak them for about two hours in a batter made from the cornflour, egg white and water. Just before cooking them wash this off.

Remove any tough lower parts of the asparagus stalks. Cutting the stalks on the extreme diagonal, slice them into short lengths.

Cut the carrot into neat slices or use canapé cutters to produce fancier shapes. Shape the ginger slices or leave them plain. Halve the mushrooms.

Heat a tablespoon of oil in a wok or frying pan and stir-fry the vegetables all at once until they are very lightly cooked indeed. Not more than half-cooked and preferably slightly less. Drain and keep them warm.

Poach the scallops briefly in simmering water until they are lightly cooked. Drain them.

Combine the scallops and vegetables in an oiled wok. Combine the thickening ingredients and mix well. Return the vegetables to the wok. Add the scallops and dribble over the thickening mixture. Toss once or twice over a high heat and serve immediately.

Steamed prawns
Serves two to three

- 6 large, raw prawns
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon sugar
- ¼ teaspoon monosodium glutamate (optional)
- ½ teaspoon cornflour
- 1 tablespoon peanut oil
- 6 matchstick strips of Yunnan or Parma ham
- 6 matchstick strips of carrot
- 6 longer, slightly thicker strips of a stalk vegetable (asparagus, broccoli, etc)
- Oil for deep frying

For the thickening

- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon sugar
- ¼ teaspoon monosodium glutamate (optional)
- ½ teaspoon cornflour
- ½ teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon hot water

Steamed prawns with Yunnan ham and vegetables are not in fact steamed at all. They are briefly boiled and even more briefly deep fried. They are very pretty and absolutely delicious.

Remove the heads and legs of the prawns, and the shells down to the last tail segment. Using a sharp knife slit each prawn down the back just over half way through its thickness. Remove the vein of gut. Slit the flesh once again, but less deeply, on either side of the first cut. This helps the flesh to cook evenly and the prawns to curl prettily.

Combine the salt, sugar, MSG, cornflour and oil and mix well. Combine the prawns with this paste, using your fingers to coat them on all sides.

Blanch the vegetables in boiling water. Roll one prawn round a piece of each of the stuffing ingredients, and secure the pinwheel of fish with a toothpick. Drop the prawns into fast boiling water to which 1 tablespoon of oil has been added. Cook them covered, until they are very lightly done. Drain and keep them warm.

Heat enough oil to deep-fry the prawns in a wok or saucepan and when it is very hot, plunge in the prawns for literally only one or two seconds. Drain them immediately, and keep warm.

Combine the thickening ingredients and mix them well. Add the prawns to the heated oiled wok and dribble the thickening over them. Toss together once or twice and serve immediately.

THE TIMES DIARY

From war to peace

Count Nikolai Tolstoy yesterday offered the hospitality of his home at Abingdon, Oxfordshire, to two Russian soldiers, believed to be the first defectors from Afghanistan, who are expected to arrive in London within the next month or so. Igor Rykov, aged 21, and Oleg Khlan, aged 20, whose identities are disclosed here for the first time, crossed into Pakistan, and from



Khlan and Rykov: first of many?

there appealed to the count in his new role as president of Sparc – the Soviet Prisoners Afghan Rescue Committee. He is confident that their request for political asylum in Britain will be granted. Yesterday Count Tolstoy told me that more defectors would follow, "but I daren't say too much in case it infringes our agreements with the Red Cross". Rykov and Khlan should not be alarmed if they spot one of the count's visiting cards on his hall table. Printed on the reverse of his Abingdon address are the addresses of the Moscow flat and country dacha from which the revolutionaries ejected the Tolstoys in 1917 – "just to prove", he says, "that our exile from Russia is only temporary".

Evans above

We shall never know if MPs are liars or not. Tory MP Peter Thurnham, who, I reported last week, was due to be wired up to a lie detector by the House of Commons committee on employment, has been rescued from his ordeal. The committee, which is investigating the use of the polygraph to vet GCHQ staff, felt politicians were "just not right" for such a test. So who is? Journalists, they say. And from *The Times*, my parliamentary colleague Richard Evans undergoes the test at 4.30 p.m. today. El Vino veritas?

● Hongkong is taking characteristic precautions as it contemplates reincorporation in China. In a book advertisement in the Hongkong-based *Asia Magazine*, one title is marked out of stock: *Your New Swiss Bank Book*.

Lost resort

Hoteliers in Tenby may well spend the first week of July sending Arthur Scargill hundreds of holiday postcards bearing the message "Wish you were here". Not because they love him: far from it. He has just landed them with a potential £75,000 loss of bookings in that period, as a result of the National Union of Mineworkers' decision this week to cancel its annual conference at the South Wales resort. Scargill has apparently decided to axe the event to save money. I hope the sun shines: if the rooms are left empty, hoteliers are threatening court claims for at least £50,000 damages.

BARRY FANTONI



'A tartan shirt and pink jeans are hardly my idea of plain clothes'

Kettle-black

Rudi Narayan, the lawyer and black rights campaigner, says some harsh things about Britain's blacks in the *Jamaican Weekly Gleaner*. In an article accusing them of laziness, poor timekeeping, failing to plan, and not believing in "black excellence", he writes: "Although there are many intellectuals about the community, few wish to be associated with their fellow blacks. This arrogance applies particularly to black lawyers." Narayan should know; before being fined £100 at Camberwell last September for refusing to take a breath test, the magistrate heard evidence that he told police they were not dealing with some "stupid local nigger", and said to the arresting officer, "Hawkins, you're finished. You've gone, boy. I won't rest until I see you destroyed. Do you know how brilliant I am?"

Lotta bottle

Two Welsh farmers' wives, Thelma Adams and Ena George, will be "floating" through Carmarthen today, hauled by a tractor and trailer in protest about the new EEC-inspired milk quotas. Decorously clad in bikinis, and calling themselves Cleopatra '84, they will recline in old cow troughs filled not with asses' milk, but 300 gallons of cows' milk. "It's cheaper than water", Thelma says.

PHS

Tom Bower on the Nazi war criminal who cheated justice to the end

Rauff: the great escape

The death of Walter Rauff at 77 has robbed the world's Nazi hunters of their last realizable, major quarry. Although secluded behind the high walls of his spacious villa in Santiago, Chile, Rauff was paraded as spectacular proof of the Allies' failure to punish those responsible for the production-line murders of 12 million people, and the inexplicable ease with which Nazi war criminals discovered escape routes to South America. Whenever the power of the underground Nazi Odessa group was mentioned, Rauff was one of the many listed as beneficiaries of its efficiency.

The South American refuge was the misguided explanation as to why so few Nazi mass murderers were ever prosecuted. Although the exact whereabouts of so many were known, they seemed invulnerable to extradition or even assassination.

Rauff prospered in his exile. His secret refuge was exposed in 1963, but West Germany's demand for his extradition was denied. He remained in Chile, an insult to his victims and their relatives. Only a tiny handful of his fellow fugitives, principally Adolf Eichman, Franz Stangl and recently Klaus Barbie, were eventually brought back to trial. As the rest died anonymously and comfortably in their exile, Rauff became a surviving symbol of the great Nazi escape.

During the past year, in the wake of Barbie's extradition to France from Bolivia, the Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal and his rivals, Serge and Beate Klarsfield, had made Rauff the target of an international campaign. The four main leaders of the West, presidents Reagan and Mitterrand, and prime ministers Helmut Kohl and Margaret Thatcher, had individually protested to the Chilean leader Augusto Pinochet, demanding Rauff's immediate extradition to West Germany. Just last week, another demand was delivered in Santiago from the European Parliament in Strasbourg. Uncharacteristically, Downing Street's demand was accompanied by threats of trade sanctions.

But there was never any hope that Pinochet would bow to the demands. Even his Marxist predecessor, President Salvador Allende, had unhesitatingly refused. Rauff's death has, inevitably, saved a lot of embarrassment but it also leaves unanswered the questions of why the co-murderer of 200,000 people should have been allowed to escape by the British in 1946, why he was aided by the Vatican to reach safety, and why he was knowingly protected since 1963, even by Chilean democrats.

During the 12-year Reich, at least 135,000 people were directly involved in the mass murders. No more than 35,000 were ever prosecuted. Like most who escaped retribution, Rauff neither felt nor even affected remorse when he spoke to reporters, nor, more importantly, when he gave a long statement, voluntarily, to West German government lawyers in 1964. He was a convinced and dedicated Nazi to the end, proud of his service to Hitler.

Walter Rauff was by no means a natural recruit to the SS. Indeed, 40 years after the collapse of the Third Reich, hardened and committed Nazis who were his superiors are still impressed by his unexpected wartime conversion and dedication to their cause.

Born on June 19 1906, the son of a bank clerk, Rauff joined the navy in 1924 and ten years later was given command of the Reich's first minesweeping flotilla. In 1938, his ambitions were shattered. After a messy divorce he was automatically ejected from the navy. Humiliated, unemployed and untrained for anything other than a military career, he telephoned a contact at SS headquarters in Berlin seeking work. Swiftly recruited, he was assigned to establish the necessary SS personnel movements in the event of war.

Plunged into the heart of Nazi conspiracies, Rauff rapidly became enmeshed in the reality of its philosophies. "In autumn 1939, I already knew about the plans to liquidate the Jews," he later told an interrogator. In fact the extermination policies were not discussed until some time later. Rauff's gratuitous confession was prompted by the listing of his name in the minutes of top-secret meetings discussing how the Jews would be herded into ghettos after the invasion of Poland. The key to his swift and apparently effortless admission to those positions of power was the SS chief Reinhard Heydrich – their wives were friends.

After a brief return to the navy, he rejoined the SS in 1941 as a lieutenant-colonel responsible for organizing the technical services. Among his responsibilities was to equip the SS murder squads – the *Einsatzgruppen* – active in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

But the *Einsatzgruppen* leaders



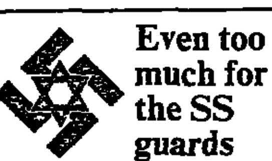
One of the few pictures of Rauff from his later years. It was taken by a cameraman for the Granada Television programme *World in Action* who waited a month for him to leave the security of his Santiago home to go for a walk

complained that despite the zealous dedication of their troops, the daily task of mass shootings was taking a toll on the executioners. Berlin headquarters, and in particular Rauff, were expected to produce a solution. "The most important consideration for me," recollected Rauff, "was that the shootings were a terrible ordeal for the men concerned, which could be relieved by using a gas lorry."

The first victims of Nazi gassing were German inmates of mental institutions, gassed in trucks with industrially manufactured pure carbon monoxide released from steel bottles stored in the driver's compartment. It was the simultaneous arrival on Rauff's desk of the death squads' complaints and his technicians' suggestions of ways to develop the mobile gas chambers that stimulated Rauff's imagination. The energy with which he sought to solve the problem is proved with terrifying accuracy by the survival of his own file, discovered in Berlin at the end of the war.

Letters between Rauff and his mechanic discussing the technical problems of diverting carbon monoxide fumes from the engine exhaust into the truck's container, and his impatient negotiations with a Berlin chassis builder, are ample proof of his calculated commitment to the creation of a crude yet innovatory murder machine.

The first passengers of the modified death trucks were 40 Russians, inmates of the nearby Sachsenhausen concentration camp. Driven for 15 minutes to the camp's crematorium, their gassing en route was deemed in a report to Rauff to be satisfactory confirmation of his work. Rauff immediately ordered 30 trucks and in October 1941 sent the first five eastwards. Their operation was personally supervised from Berlin by their creator.



Even too much for the SS guards

Rauff needed little imagination to understand the implications of his work. Whole families would be sealed in a lorry and driven to a pit for burial. As the lorry fumes slowly filled the container, there would inevitably be hysterical, frantic sounds from within.

After three months, Dr August Becker, a pioneer of the euthanasia programme particularly admired by Himmler, was ordered by Rauff to inspect operations. Within weeks he sent back to Rauff a series of extraordinary reports.

As with all technical innovations, Becker wrote, the SS operators were being hampered by a series of unfortunate teething problems. Unloading the van after the gassing was taking too long, as many of the lorries, driven haphazardly across rough country tracks, were no longer airtight. The gas pipes were rusting. The victims' faces were "horribly distorted"; bodies – described in one memorandum as "the cargo" – were covered with excrement and vomit. Moreover, reported Becker, despite fixing wooden window shutters on the sides, the lorries had already been dubbed by the locals "death trucks". Embarrassingly, Rauff was told that the SS squads, complaining of headaches, wanted to return to the old methods of mass shootings.

Becker organized some immediate improvements, but in Berlin Rauff ordered his technicians to investigate other possibilities. In a memorandum dated June 5, 1942, Willy Just wrote a series of recommendations to produce quicker death and to dispose more efficiently of the "thin fluids" and "thicker filth".

But Rauff's work was already redundant. By mid-1942, permanent gas chambers were already operational in concentration camps. Nevertheless, the vans already built were used throughout the war on fixed sites in the camps. Rauff's direct involvement in those killings – about 97,000 people by then and an estimated 200,000 by the end of the war – was nearly over. Six weeks after Heydrich's assassination in Prague, in July 1942, he left Berlin. He was no longer a *Schreibtischtaeter*, a desk murderer, but a zealous executioner in the field.

Appointed Gestapo chief of Tunis, he harassed, persecuted and killed Jews and partisans, winning rewards from Berlin and condemnation to death in absentia after the German evacuation. His next task, in northern Italy in September 1943, was to impose German control on Milan, Turin and Genoa. Contacted recently, Rauff's commander, SS general Wilhem Harster, left nothing to the imagination about the methods that Rauff used: "We were fighting partisans and we knew only one way to extract information from them fast." In February 1945 Harster had described Rauff's ruthless measures as a "superb achievement".

Rauff's war ended on April 25, 1945, in the SS headquarters in Milan; 175 SS officers under his command had barricaded themselves in the Hotel Regina, fearful of a huge group of Italian partisans outside. He was saved by an American escort.

An American interrogator wrote that Rauff had "brought his organization of political gangsterism to streamlined perfection and is proud of the fact. By nature cynical and overbearing, but cunning and shifty rather than intelligent, he regards his past activities as a matter of course . . . His contempt and everlasting malice towards the Allies are but slightly concealed. (Rauff) is considered a menace if ever set free, and failing actual elimination, is recommended for lifelong internment."

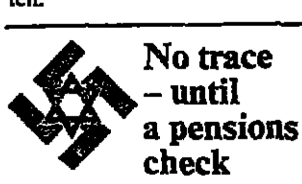
Rauff's imprisonment lasted just 20 months. On December 29, 1946, with 18 other Germans, he escaped from a British PoW camp in Rimini. By then his criminal reputation was well established. His personal involvement with Hitler's extermination policies had been mentioned several times at the Nuremburg war crimes trial. Yet it was only in February 1948 that an American war crimes prosecuting team belatedly attempted to summon him for interrogation.

Mystery still surrounds the circumstances of his escape. British records of the camp have not been traced. It still remains unclear whether the Germans received outside help and whether his disappearance caused any concern among British officials. It has been definitely established, however, that as he fled from the Adriatic coast to Naples, his priority was to discover the illegal escape network established by sympathetic Catholic priests, the so-called "Vatican route". He was following a pattern established the previous July when about 40 Germans, half of them former SS officers, had escaped from Rimini and headed for Rome.

Hidden in a monastery for 18 months, Rauff taught orphans French and maths while a network of priests contacted his wife and two sons in eastern Germany and smuggled them into Italy. Soon after the reunion, the family were given fraudulent Red Cross passports using the name Raliff and sailed for Syria in the summer of 1948. Rauff, like many other SS officers, had been offered a job training the Syrian army; and, like most of the others, he was forced to flee when Israeli agents began hunting them down. In 1949 the family settled in Ecuador.

Rauff, who was still a German citizen, obtained in June 1953 a German passport under his own name from the embassy in Quito, and became a travelling representative for a German manufacturer. Lulled into security, he wrote in 1955 to the Finance Ministry in Dusseldorf applying for his pension as a former naval officer. There was no mention of his SS career. In retrospect it seems an astonishingly brazen act, but it reflected accurately the complete indifference to Nazi crimes throughout Western Europe after 1947. The survivors of the war were preoccupied with rebuilding their shattered continent.

In 1958, the family moved south to Chile, where they were warmly welcomed by the long established and nationalistic German community. Newly prosperous and relaxed, he returned to Germany twice in the next four years confident that the past was forgotten.



No trace – until a pensions check

But the kidnap and trial in Jerusalem of Adolf Eichmann and the trial of former Auschwitz guards in Ulm, West Germany, rapidly changed that atmosphere. Bonn was accused by its neighbours of harbouring Nazi war criminals. Pressure was applied to redeem the Allies' post-war failures.

In fact, West German investigators had already rediscovered in 1960 Rauff's file concerning the gas trucks. A former subordinate had already been arrested in Germany and charged with murder. Rauff, however, seemed to have disappeared, until the investigators thought of checking through pension claimants' files. His audacity in 1955 could have been his undoing. In 1963 Bonn asked the Chilean government for his arrest and extradition. Rauff seemed very vulnerable. He was still a German citizen and had apparently no influential links with the Chilean government or politicians.

Bonn's application to the Chilean Supreme Court was supported by irrefutable documentary evidence. With little alternative, Rauff admitted partial responsibility, but defended himself on three counts. First, "I would have been executed if I failed to obey my orders"; second, that he was a mere, "technical administrator"; and third, that although he provided the trucks, "I did not know whether these trucks were used to kill Jews or criminals". They were, pleaded Rauff, judicial killings.

At the first hearing, the court ordered Rauff's deportation, but on appeal it declared that although he was obviously a criminal, his deportation was barred by the Chilean 15-year statute of limitation – a position which every Chilean government has adhered to ever since. Nothing more was done until recent pressure by Simon Wiesenthal and the Klarsfelds forced the West German government to ask for Rauff's expulsion as a political act. Quoting the court's decision, the Pinochet government steadfastly refused, although it regularly expels its own Chilean critics.

Rauff's funeral will not quite close the final chapter of fugitive Nazis and their hunters. There remains one unlaid ghost: the infamous Josef Mengele, the "doctor" of Auschwitz notorious for his "scientific experiments" on twins. In 1960 he disappeared from Argentina. Ten years later he was traced to Paraguay, but never seen. Protected by private wealth, he will remain a phantom until his death is mysteriously announced. In contrast, Rauff died as he had lived: in utter and open contempt of his victims and of those who pay lip service to justice.

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Rauff in SS uniform in 1943, and one of the lorries which he turned into mobile gas chambers. Right, the family man taking it easy in Chile in the early days of exile before demands grew for his extradition

Robin Cook

A plague on those rabbits

The unemployment benefit office in my constituency is located in the main shopping centre. It is perhaps as well for the neighbouring stores that it is not in competition with their stock as it has one of the most brisk trades, based on its captive market of the one-fifth of the local population who are out of work.

In the past few months the Department of Employment has pioneered its very own flying squad to go on circuit around such offices. Their task, which I would have thought gratuitous in present circumstances, is to ascertain whether the registered unemployed are really out of work.

This goes by the title of Regional Benefit Investigation Team, which has resulted in the members being dubbed Rabbits within the Department of Employment, whose unions have denounced their introduction. Their sobriquet does less than justice to their mission and something of an injustice to the retiring disposition of the rabbit. Ferrets might be a more appropriate guide to the job they do.

Two points may be entered in mitigation. The first is that the rabbit squads operate under rather more civilized rules of engagement than the parallel Special Claims Control Unit in the DHSS. The second is that there can be no grounds for objection to the unmasking of those who commit criminal fraud by wrongfully claiming benefit and bringing them to book in the courts.

However the prosecution of fraud is not the objective which the Department of Employment has set its visitors. In the first quarter of this year no prosecution had been brought before the courts as a result of their investigations. What they had left was a marked effect on the communities whom they had visited on circuit. More than 900 claimants on emerging from their interrogation had given up claiming benefit.

The department's instruction to its teams is quite precise: the aim is not to detect fraud but to discourage the claiming of benefit. Let us examine the master text. "The techniques require not so much the dogged pursuit of evidence but a lightness of touch in being able to confront claimants with a few suspicious facts which will lead the suspect either to declare work or otherwise leave the register".

As a student of literature I'm impressed at how carefully this passage has been crafted. Mark the subtle elision by which "claimants" become "the suspect". Observe the balanced antithesis by which the methodical assembly of a case is written down as "dogged", while the free play of suspicion is elevated as "lightness of touch". Note, though, the author is precise and candid on one point. The object of the exercise is to persuade claimants – or "suspects" – to leave the register, even though the interview may have failed to establish that the claimant is at work and drawing benefit fraudulently.

What is the rationale for this modern inquisition? It cannot be the impact on the awesome numbers of the unemployed. In the past five years the Department of Employment has demonstrated such a fecund imagination in spawning ingenious devices for massaging the unemployment statistics that it would surely scorn such a tedious and prolonged means of knocking mere hundreds off the total.

Nor can they be doing it for the money. Moving civil servants round the country is an expensive undertaking, and an active rabbit can consume more in a day's subsistence allowance than many claimants draw in weekly benefit. Vastly greater returns on investment could be secured by turning out an equivalent number of civil servants to graze on the much more lush fields of tax evasion.

No. The mainspring of this invigilation must be psychological. It transfers the moral blame for unemployment from the Government to the unemployed. The working population is encouraged to suspect the masses drawing benefit as harbouring, amid the hapless victims of economic forces, some entrepreneurs working the system. And to serve this end several thousand unemployed have already been put through the mill of an interview at which they appeared not as victim but as suspect.

No previous government has felt the need for such special measures, not even in the 1950s when notified vacancies exceeded the registered unemployed. What makes their introduction now particularly offensive is that it coincides with record levels of unemployment and when an advertised vacancy can lead to hundreds if not thousands of desperate applications. Having presided over this remorseless growth in the unemployed, the least the Government can do is spare them the final indignity of a demand to prove that they are out of work.

The author is Labour MP for Livingston.

Mark Steyn







Mayor Feinstein, determined to stick with Tony Bennett. Opponents favour a 1936 number popularized by Jeanette MacDonald (right)

In every disco they row about Frisco

Songwriters have often plundered the atlas for inspiration, and not surprisingly their efforts are not always admired by the residents of the places they are serenading. It's a safe bet, for example, that the many fans of "I'll Si-Si Ya In Bahia" and "I'd Like To See Some Mo' O' Samoa" don't include the locals. But nobody realized just how much trouble one innocuous pop song could cause until the "Song War" broke out at San Francisco's City Hall.

"I Left My Heart In San Francisco", the Douglas Cross/George Cory ballad made famous by Tony Bennett, has been the city's official song since 1969, a fact of which most of the citizenry was blissfully ignorant until it was brought to their attention by Warren Hinckel of the *San Francisco Chronicle*. With the Democratic Party convention coming to town this summer, he felt that it was about time the city ended its association with a soppy love song which, he claims, reflects the mayor's "drip-dry, plastic" view of what the city should be.

The mayor, Diane Feinstein, a great fan of the ballad, was not amused. Her argument is simple: wherever she travels around the world, people know the song and associate it with the city. That's just the problem, according to her political rival, Quentin Kopp. "It's a tourist song", he told me. "It appeals to visitors from Britain."

Critics put the ballad in the same category as "You Can't Say No In Acapulco" or our own Jimmy Kennedy's "Isle Of Capri", which says nothing about the island except that it's a good place to go to have a quickie affair with a married woman. As a local disc-jockey exalained: "It's like London being represented by 'A Foggy Day (In London Town)'."

Others point out the absurdities of the opening verse, whose put-downs of Paris and New York even the most jingoistic San Franciscans find hard to swallow, never mind the assertion that "the glory that was Rome is of another day" (which sounds like a Latin translation). And anybody who longs "to be where little cable-cars/climb halfway to the stars" is taking a more romantic view of the public transport system than most citizens. It's also impossible for large numbers of people to sing the song unless they happen to be melancholic drunks.

Mr Kopp, who thinks it's nonsense to have a love ballad as official song, has now introduced an amendment to the relevant ordinance which would kick out the sentimental dirge once and for all. But perhaps the biggest shock came in the *San Francisco Chronicle* poll: of 34,000 people, more than 70 per cent voted against the song, a chilling statistic for the hundreds of performers who have long regarded it as a compulsory addition to their repertoire when appearing in the area. The archetypal "it's-a-pleasure-to-be-back-in-your-wonderful-city" song has been dealt a severe blow.

Of the many alternatives, Quentin Kopp and his supporters have plumped for a song called simply "San Francisco", the Bronislau Kaper/Walter Jurmann/Gus Kahn up-tempo number introduced by Jeanette MacDonald in a 1936 "disaster musical" about the city's famous earthquake. "It's much more expressive of the city", says Mr Kopp. "It's rousing, gutsy, robust, not sweet and saccharin like 'I Left My Heart'." The Mayor's more sexist opponents dismiss her choice as a cloying, simpering girl's song compared with their thumping rough and tumble locker-room singalong.

"San Francisco, open your Golden Gate!" roar the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus with tremendous gusto, but Mayor Feinstein remains unmoved, alleging that the song is hardly known outside the United States. "Well, I've heard it sung in German", retorts Mr Kopp.

The mayor's vice-presidential ambitions have been well publicized in recent months, and political observers believe that it would be embarrassing for her if Messrs Mondale, Hart and Jackson arrived in town to the strains of "San Francisco" instead of "I Left My Heart . . . ". Mr Kopp's amendment was debated by the legislative body last Monday and will receive a second reading on May 21, but, if it passes, the determined mayor has threatened to use her power of veto.

One mooted solution to the "Song War" is a compromise whereby both numbers would be official songs, in the same way that, north of the border Canada has "God Save The Queen" and "O, Canada". This doesn't impress Quentin Kopp: "Having two songs is as ridiculous as having two wives or two husbands, or even", he added mischievously, "two mayors".



TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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DIPLOMATS ON PROBATION

The impotence of the police and apparatus of justice in the face of the murder in St James's Square on April 17 is deeply resented. The source of their impotence is the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (1961) which Britain has ratified and incorporated in its domestic law by the Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964. The effect of these instruments is, with minor exceptions, to grant privilege, amounting to immunity, verging on sacrosanctity, to the persons and premises of accredited foreign diplomatic missions.

There have been calls for amendment of the convention, a review of its provisions by the Government is still in progress, and today the House of Lords debates it. The Vienna convention, it is pointed out, antedates the use of diplomatic cover for terrorism as an instrument of state policy. Is it not time to modify the convention to take account of the lapse into barbarity?

The Vienna convention and 1964 Act, though they now embody these immunities did not import them into English law for the first time. The legislation in fact introduced a significant limitation of the reach of diplomatic immunity under English law by grading the members of foreign missions. An Act from the reign of Queen Anne, still then in force, pronounced violator of the laws of nations and disturber of public peace (and punishable as such) anyone implicated in serving a writ or process against an ambassador or other envoy or his domestic servants. The origins of that statute, which was declaratory of the law, is explained in its preamble. Several turbulent and disorderly persons had insulted the ambassador extraordinary of his czarish majesty by taking him from his coach and arresting him for debt. The Act affirmed that diplomatic agents were out of reach of the civil law.

That they were also out of reach of the criminal law is attested by the treatment of Spanish and French ambassadors who conspired against the lives of the first Queen Elizabeth and later of Cromwell and were merely sent home, at a time when conduct of that kind led straight to the block.

An immunity that has endured so long and through such changed conditions is likely to possess a high utility. Its essence is reciprocity which underlies the whole edifice of the convention – you grant immunity to the agents of other states, and suffer the inconvenience, in order that your agents abroad may receive the same immunity from them, a convenience you find indispensable.

The effectiveness of the immunity is closely related to its totality. When the Vienna convention was being debated in draft form it was proposed to qualify the inviolability of diplomatic premises by giving the receiving state a power of entry in an extreme emergency to safeguard the security of the state, or to save life and property in exceptional conditions of public danger. Foremost among the objectors was the British member of the United Nations commission: if these were recognized as reasons for suspending immunity there was no knowing what interpretation weak or malevolent regimes would put on them or what fabrications they would employ. The force of that objection remains.

Even if it were now thought that the balance of advantage for Britain has changed and that we should be seeking restriction of immunity, amendment would be a long and difficult process. The convention, to which 141 nations now adhere, took more than ten years to fashion. Sir Geoffrey Howe this week found more enthusiasm among the foreign ministers of the European Community for concerted anti-terrorist measures than for amendment of the Vienna convention. While we are more concerned just now in Britain with the lawful conduct of foreign missions, many other countries are more concerned about the protection of their embassies abroad from official or unofficial molestation.

This is not to say that nothing can be done. Abuse of the privileged status of the diplomatic bag is one area in which there might be enough agreement to get movement, especially as the exact force of the convention's provisions are disputed as regards scanning. The matter is on the agenda of the International Law Commission now in session for three months. But most of what ought to be done will have to be done outside the framework of diplomatic immunity.

An authoritative pronouncement would be welcome, after the St James's Square experience, to the effect that the Government does not regard the right of ultimate self defence found in common law and international law as being extinguished by the Vienna convention or the legislation consequent upon it; nor – in terms more appropriate to the fiction that diplomatic premises are an extension of the territory of the state whose representatives occupy it – is the right to react to aggressive hostilities extinguished.

Pre-Vienna international law allowed that a person with diplomatic immunity might be physically restrained if that was necessary for the immediate protection of the lives of others, and the same principle should apply *in extremis* to the forcible entry of premises. The situation at the Libyan mission came close to that, and would have reached it if the shooting had been continued or repeated. But after such physical restraint expulsion, not criminal indictment, follows.

The other line to counter terrorism cloaked by privilege is to make more, and more discriminating, use of the powers already possessed to control the establishment and size of particular diplomatic missions, to object to the posting here of suspect individuals, and to require the removal of any believed to be abusing their status. The fact that retaliation would probably follow at the other end must be accepted as a lesser evil.

When here all diplomats (all 5,000 of them, or 15,000 with their families) are beyond the reach of our laws. But they are here only by our leave.

HOMOSEXUALS AND THE POLICE

It was a small but significant sign of changing public attitudes towards homosexuality when an unexpected band of Tories came forward in the Commons on Monday to speak in support of an obviously doomed amendment that Mr Jim Wallace, a Liberal, had moved to the Police Bill. The amendment concerned the law that prohibits persistent soliciting in a public place, and the debate had gained an unforeseen topicality from the resignation a few hours earlier of Mr Keith Hampson as PPS to Mr Michael Heseltine. The amendment had no direct relevance to the affair, of course: Mr Hampson has as yet been charged with no offence in connexion with events that occurred almost two weeks ago. But at a moment when in the past colleagues of a member with Defence Ministry connexions arrested in a homosexual bar might all have been running for cover, several made a point of expressing concern about the way the police enforce this area of the law.

Prejudice, and the fear of it, are still strong enough for public reputations and private lives to be shattered over offences for which the courtroom penalty is often only a small fine. Mere innuendo where charges are never brought can be almost as damaging. In response to MPs' concern, the Home Office promised a stronger restatement of the existing rule forbidding police to act as *agents provocateurs* in these (as in all other) cases.

This tacitly acknowledged widespread fears that the police are too ready today to act in this way. It is difficult to prove or disprove, however. It is a more subjective question whether provocation has occurred in a sexual encounter than in a plot to rob a bank, and depends on nuances of dress and behaviour difficult to assess afterwards in court. Mr Wallace would have eliminated all ambiguity, for his amendment would have allowed only uniformed officers to make arrests for importuning. But this would make it almost impossible for the police to act against behaviour which can be of real public offence, and even danger.

The case alleged against the police is not only that they lead people on, but also that they make too little allowance for time and place. Behaviour that might cause distress and offence in a public lavatory may well not be offensive in a specialist club. But even in a club, not anything goes.

The police have to enforce the law as it exists, but they have a wide discretion as to how they deploy their resources in doing so. There is a suspicion that they sometimes prefer the easy target of homosexuals to more elusive though more formidable criminals. In the past, the police could count on general public approval for harrassment of a despised minority. Today attitudes have changed at least enough to have created a widespread wish to see even homosexuals fairly treated.

It is more difficult now than it used to be for the police to retain the trust of a more diverse and more tolerant public. An opinion poll in *The Sunday Times* earlier this year found that almost a third of those replying would not trust the police to tell them the truth. They would actually mistrust the "man in the street" slightly less. (It must be admitted that both were regarded as immeasurably more trustworthy than journalists.) It is increasingly true that the way the police treat sexual and racial minorities affects the trust in which they are held by the wider public. And so it should.

WEST AND SOUTH WEST

The failure to reach agreement after three days of Lusaka talks on Namibia was a setback but not a disaster. The fact that South Africa, the South West African People's Organization and the authorities in Namibia could be brought to the same table was in itself an achievement. There will be more talks, although there was no formal agreement even on this point in Lusaka. And in the meantime the peace-making process goes on; within weeks there will be no South African troops in Angola, for the first time since 1978, and the pressure will be on Angola to start sending some Cubans home. The fact of their departure would take the sting out of the argument about whether there should be "linkage" with Namibian independence.

In some ways it is healthy that the basic differences should thus be left unresolved but out in the open. The real quarrel is over whether independence should come to Namibia under Resolution 435 of the Security Council. Translated, this means there should be UN-supervised elections, which Swapo with its UN-backing would be sure to win, or whether some deal can be worked out that would keep the present multi-party Windhoek power group in the picture and force the UN (deeply distrusted by South Africa because of its commitment to Swapo) onto the sidelines.

At Lusaka Swapo insisted on standing by Resolution 435 and this caused the ill-tempered breakup of the talks. There are some American sources who are prepared to argue that this was a good thing. The complicated deal sponsored by the Americans as leaders of the Western "Contact Group" and sold by dint of much hard work by American diplomats to Angola, South Africa, Swapo and the "frontline states" is based on Resolution 435. The Americans insist that it is still viable and that it could lead later this year to independence in Namibia and the withdrawal of the Cuban troops from Angola (the bull point, in their eyes). If the Lusaka negotiations (not sponsored by the Americans) had agreed to fudge the issue the whole edifice could have collapsed.

A more complicated analysis is based on the fact that power is delicately balanced within South Africa itself. Observers see Mr P. W. Botha, the Prime Minister, General Magnus Malan, the Minister of Defence, and Mr "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister, as the leading members of the group pushing the stick-and-carrot policy that has had such notable success in Mozambique and Angola. Another group of military men, led by generals in military intelligence, thought they were doing well with the sticks and are not keen on the carrots. A third group, involving Dr Willie van Niekerk, the Administer General of Namibia, would like to see Namibia separated from all this world diplomacy and a regional settlement arrived at.

Dr van Niekerk and his friends lost at Lusaka but what is uncertain (as even optimistic Americans admit) is whether the Botha-Malan South Africans are as fully committed to the Western deal as they have led Washington to believe. Mrs Thatcher will be in an excellent position to find out what exactly are Mr P. W. Botha's intentions when the South African Prime Minister visits Britain on June 2. He needs to be convinced that the West is seriously united in its commitment to Resolution 435, before he is likely to risk a course which seems calculated to put Mr Sam Nujoma in power in Windhoek.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Setting limits on Libyan conflict

From Mr Mohamed-Yusuf Al Maghariaf

Sir, I have watched, at a distance, with mixed emotions of sadness, shame and admiration, the recent events outside the so-called Libyan People's Bureau in London.

We, as Libyans, have all been immeasurably saddened by the death of the young policewoman and by the injuries done to innocent Libyan dissident demonstrators. We have been humiliated at this atrocity perpetrated by Libyan terrorists masquerading as diplomats. We have admired the calm and ultimately successful reaction of the British authorities whose tactics have, of course, been dictated by the threat posed to the British mission in Tripoli and to the British expatriate community in Libya.

The world will know by now that armed confrontation with the Gaddafi regime within Libya has begun – and, perhaps as a result of the terrorist action in London, the world (or at least the British people) will understand more fully why we have had no option but to resort to the use of force. There is no room for dialogue or compromise with a man who refuses to obey any rational, logical, or civilised norm.

However the news of armed conflict in Tripoli, following so soon on the events in London, may cause concern in Britain and elsewhere that the struggle for the future of Libya may well spill over into the streets of European and other foreign cities.

In spite of what may have been published elsewhere, I should like, through the courtesy of your columns, to give a firm undertaking that we will use force only against the regime and its agents inside Libya itself. In this regard your readers might like to note that while Gaddafi's murder squads were gunning down innocent protesters in London, we were about to take the battle to his own military headquarters in the heart of Tripoli.

It would be foolish, nonetheless, to ignore the fact that, as the threat to his regime intensifies, so will Gaddafi hit out viciously and indiscriminately. He will attempt to internationalise the conflict. The London shootings are an example. So, too, is the bombing of Omdurman Radio in the Sudan in March, which again led to innocent casualties.

We do not expect or require countries like Britain to assist us in our efforts to topple the Gaddafi regime. We recognise that the responsibility for the removal of Gaddafi and the return of the rule of law to Libya rests entirely with the Libyan people. It is by Libyans alone that sacrifices should continue to be made if freedom and democracy are to be attained.

But we do urge democratic countries to review their existing political and commercial links with Libya and, in the light of recent experience (and our own often repeated warnings over the last two years) to observe closely and control wherever possible the activities of the so-called Libyan People's Bureaux in their capital cities.

Yours faithfully,
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May 10.

Ten Tors challenge

From Mrs Peter Douglas

Sir, Twenty-five years ago, Colonel Gregory inaugurated the Ten Tors expedition, an imaginative idea providing a challenge to many youngsters. Every year this expedition has started and finished at Okehampton, giving the local teams the benefit of more training and better knowledge of local conditions and weather.

Although the date of the actual expedition has been fixed to avoid disturbing the wildlife of the moor, there are parties of young people on the tors every weekend throughout the year, practising for the next expedition.

While not wishing to denigrate in any way the splendid idea of the expedition, would it not be possible for other, similar areas of the UK to take their turn? Why not Ten Peaks, Ten Fells, Ten Bens or Ten (?) Bryns? It would relieve the wildlife of the moor and the (less wild) local inhabitants, while benefiting those who have long journeys to the South-West.

Devon teams would gain in learning something of hills and wild places elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,
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Devon.
May 10.

Watering with care

From Mr Andrew Semple

Sir, You suggest that whilst the present dry weather lasts gardeners should aim to apply two to four gallons of water to the square yard per week, in order to correct the soil moisture deficiency ("In the garden," Saturday, May 12).

Such advice, if followed generally, could bring on widespread restrictions at a very early date, and in many places would simply be beyond the capacity of the system. A household garden of 200 square yards (a typical size in the Southwest) would on this basis require something like 400 litres a day – roughly a doubling of normal household consumption; systems are not designed to take this sort of load.

The advice that the water authorities would like to see the gardeners follow at times like the present is to water with discretion, concentrating on plants particularly at risk, and to avoid indiscriminate soaking.

Yours faithfully,
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1 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
May 14.

Making good saleroom losses

From Lord Astor of Hever

Sir, Your issue of May 11 reported that a six-month export ban had been imposed on a painting by William Hogarth, which was sold by Viscount Parker at Christie's last March. The article also quoted Mr John Baskett, the London art dealer who bought the picture for a foreign client, as saying that the Treasury should shoulder responsibility for interest payments on the very large sum lost throughout that period.

I agree.

On May 5 last year I sold at a Sotheby's auction a sixteenth-century suit of armour made for Henry Wriothesley, Earl of Southampton. The hammer price was £330,000.

Because the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art, under the chairmanship of the Earl of Plymouth, considered this piece of armour to be of national importance, the Minister of the Arts was recommended to impose a three-month export ban from the date of auction. This was subsequently extended for a further period of six months until February 18, 1984, in order to give British public collections a second chance to raise sufficient money to match the hammer price.

Not until October – five months after the auction – was a public appeal launched by the Armouries who, it was well known, wanted to acquire the suit for the Tower of London.

The sum necessary to secure the armour for the nation was raised just within the deadline of February 18, 1984, but I did not receive any payment for it, either from the original purchaser or from the national Armouries, until April 16, ie. more than 11 months after the auction sale.

It is, of course, well known that the possible suspension of an export licence is one of the risks of selling a work of "national importance". But this delaying device to prevent sales abroad and to give national institutions a chance of purchasing items at prices below those to which the bidding at auction might have run imposes intolerable inconvenience and unreasonable losses of interest.

If the nation wants to buy something which it considers to be of national importance, why should the nation not pay the proper market price, or at least provide balancing compensation to the vendor for this statutory penalization?

My own suggestion is that the loss of interest on the delay in payment – whether by the original bidder or by a "national" institution – should be deducted from the capital gains tax liability payable by the vendor. But I am told that this would not be acceptable to the Inland Revenue on the pretext that the capital gains tax code allows only for the deduction of expenditure which has actually been incurred!

Has the time not come to extract from the reviewing committee – or from the Government itself – what, if any, the rules are about withholding export permits to assist national bodies to purchase and retain works of art, for how long the Government has authority to delay the granting of export licences, what compensation the vendors are entitled to for the losses and inconvenience which they incur through those delays, and from whom does the national institution eventually acquire the object – the vendor at the auction or the highest bidder at the auction?

Yours faithfully,
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From Sir Geoffrey Agnew

Sir, The President of the Historic Houses' Association is, of course, perfectly right (May 1) when he says that owners of works of art have been finding the conditions of exemption progressively more and more onerous. It is, however, not yet widely known that a further condition has recently been added.

Form 700 A, Abdication and Undertaking (Revised 1982), for conditional exemption, side note 3 reads:

Owners intending to sell exempt objects are requested to give three months' notice in writing to The Museums and Galleries Commission. Failure to give notice will be taken into account if an application for an export licence is made.

For a number of obvious reasons this requirement is going to be highly unpopular with owners and their advisers. Above all, it runs directly contrary to the policy of successive governments since 1896 to encourage the exemption of works of art as a means of retaining them in private ownership in this country.

Yours faithfully,
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43 Old Bond Street, W1.

University costs

From Lord Flowers, FRS

Sir, David Walker referred in his article (May 8) to the work of the Jarratt committee on the efficiency of university management. It gives the impression that it will be an anodyne investigation into peripheral issues. This is to misrepresent the matter in three important respects.

First, it is a serious underestimation of Sir Alex Jarratt himself and the members of his committee – who include Sir Robin Ibbs, the Prime Minister's adviser on efficiency – to suggest that any exercise conducted by them could be anodyne.

Secondly, although the cost of administration in universities does account for less than 7 per cent of current spending, the purpose of it is to spend the remaining 93 per cent, and the object of the investigation is to scrutinize the administrative machinery by which this is carried out.

Thirdly, the Jarratt study is complemented by an intensive study under the auspices of the vice-chancellors' committee of universities' methods of maintaining their own academic standards. The first phase of this has already been completed, taking the form of the publication of a code of practice for the work of external examiners. Further topics are likely to include the study of both external and internal review procedures regarding degree courses and assessing matters of curriculum, validation, and accreditation by professional bodies.

I must make clear that the Jarratt study and the investigation into academic standards should be considered together as a total and developing exercise which is directed towards improving the effectiveness of university administration, teaching and research in all their aspects. Let there be no misunderstanding on that score.

Yours faithfully,
FLOWERS, Chairman,
Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom,
29 Tavistock Square, WC1.
May 11.

From Professor K. W. Allen

Sir, In his article (May 8), "Bringing the universities to financial book", David Walker states that Oxford University libraries currently take four or five subscriptions to the expensive periodical *Nuclear Physics*. In fact, only two copies are taken; one is in the Radcliffe Science Library and the other in the Department of Nuclear Physics.

Mr Walker's choice of example is particularly unfortunate, since a great deal of rationalization in periodical subscriptions has already taken place, mostly by discussion and agreement between librarians and users.

It may be that our university has a power structure of antiquity and sinuous strength; the fact remains that many of us have found means of saving money by direct action and commonsense measures and I believe the power structure supports us in this.

Yours faithfully,
K. W. ALLEN,
University of Oxford,
Department of Nuclear Physics,
Nuclear Physics Laboratory,
Keble Road, Oxford.

Girls in boys' schools

From the Principal of Newcastle-under-Lyme School

Sir, The Rector of The Edinburgh Academy (April 27) justified the entry of girls to boys' schools on grounds of freedom of choice and that is a principle which is fundamental to independent education. He appears to be less concerned about parity for the sexes, which should be a principle fundamental to education itself within a free society.

To admit a minority of girls to boys' schools is unsatisfactory for one of two reasons. Either the girls receive more than their share of attention and their academic work suffers, or they concentrate on their studies to the exclusion of a normal social life.

There are still strong arguments for single-sex education up to the sixth form, but even stronger arguments for co-education in the sixth form itself. We have recently adopted a scheme under which two former single-sex schools have become one school. There are two sections – for boys and girls – but mixed teaching in the sixth form.

As this model is unusual, if not unique, it may be of some interest. It combines the advantages of the large sixth form, as in a sixth-form college, with the advantages of the 11 to 18 school. Above all, it ensures that girls and boys are regarded as equal although taught separately for good educational reasons during the adolescent years.

Yours faithfully,
J. W. DONALDSON, Principal,
Newcastle-under-Lyme School,
Victoria Road,
Newcastle,
Staffordshire.
April 30.

A paper's politics

From Professor Hugh Lloyd-Jones, FBA

Sir, When Mr David Astor (May 12) bought *The Observer*, it was a Conservative paper. Loyal readers of J. L. Garvin cannot have cared much for Mr Astor's politics, but it was possible for them to stop taking the paper.

So now why is it so wicked for Mr Rowland to interfere to the least degree with the paper's left-wing activities?

If Mr Rowland has the nerve to sack Mr Trelford and bring back the politics of Garvin, I might start taking *The Observer*, whose literary section is good, once more.

I am, Sir, yours etc.
HUGH LLOYD-JONES,
Christ Church,
Oxford.
May 12.

Saving food for charitable use

From Mr Malcolm Muggeridge

Sir, Hearing with horror of the vast destruction of edible food under Common Market auspices, it occurred to me that a way of more charitably disposing of it would be to hand it over to Mother Teresa.

She knows, none better, where the hungry are to be found; she has her Missionaries of Charity and other helpers all over the world; an appeal from her for transportation would, I am sure, be heeded. Above all, she would have the prayers of all Christians and other believers everywhere.

Might it not be tried?

Sincerely,
MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE,
Park Cottage,
Robertsbridge,
Sussex.
May 11.

Damage to glasshouses

From Lord Sidmouth

Sir, You report in your issue of May 8 the circumstances under which the well-known firm of Thomas Rochford and Sons have had to close down their production of house plants. The costings quoted by them illustrate all too clearly the very severe pressure under which the glasshouse industry in this country has been operating since we entered the European Community and since, almost at the same time, oil prices began their upward surge.

Although horticulture is deemed to be part of agriculture and has many interests in common, it certainly has not been the recipient of any significant part of the Community expenditure under the CAP, and the cost of any surpluses of glasshouse produce falls wholly upon the grower.

When Britain joined the Community its glasshouse growers lost the tariff protection which they then enjoyed against the majority of their competitors, who were already members. Consequently they were subjected to the full force of competition, not all of it unsubsidized.

The result has been much hardship, with the closing down of businesses and loss of employment, of which Thomas Rochford and Sons is only the best-known example.

Yours sincerely,
SIDMOUTH,
House of Lords.
May 9.

Farm reforms in China

From Mrs Penny Kane

Sir, Estimates of the 1959-61 famine in China (letter, May 4) can now be much improved following the release in recent months of various official Chinese data.

Calculations based on these suggest a minimum of 14 million excess deaths during those years, or nearly two thirds more than would have been expected under "normal" conditions.

Similar calculations undertaken for births suggest that there were up to 21 million fewer births than would have been expected, though for technical reasons this figure may be somewhat on the high side. Many of the missing births were, however, made up in subsequent years when they helped to create the "birth bulge" of the mid-1960s.

Nevertheless, it appears that Mr Lin considerably underestimates the effects of the famine and its mortality impact among, particularly, the elderly and children, especially female children. Chinese food policies, together with population policies since 1970, have been heavily influenced, I believe, by remembrance of the disaster.

Yours faithfully,
PENNY KANE,
As from: David Owen Centre for Population Studies,
University College,
Cardiff,
South Glamorgan.
May 13.

The miners' strike

From Mr Richard Ottaway, MP for Nottingham North (Conservative)

Sir, Mr Joe Ashton (May 14) implies the somewhat incredible suggestion that Nottinghamshire miners should not be entitled to a vote in a national ballot on the current industrial action.

Notwithstanding that the Nottinghamshire miners have been paying their union dues like the rest of the miners and they have been bound since they first joined the union to the union rules, the very suggestion defies belief. Is Mr Ashton really suggesting that the Nottingham miners should be bound by a decision in which they have no participation? This would be like saying that anyone who does not vote Labour is not entitled to vote at the general election!

What Mr Ashton is making is a case against a national union, which is something no doubt that the Nottingham miners will be considering before too long.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD OTTAWAY,
House of Commons.
May 14.

Out of touch

From Brigadier J. C. Moore

Sir, I refer to those downtrodden Hyde Park joggers who were unresponsive to the greetings and eye contact of the visiting Senior Vice-President of the Crocker National Bank (May 12).

Perhaps they were Midland Bank shareholders.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MOORE,
Gilbert's Yard,
Perranuthnoe,
Penzance,
Cornwall.
May 12.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 15: His Exellency Mr Chandra Monarawela was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letter of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letter of Commission as High Commissioner for the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in London.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the High Commission, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr D. P. R. Rajapakse (Deputy High Commissioner), Mr A. C. Goonesekera (Counsellor), Mr W. D. Gunasinghe (First Secretary/ Trade Commissioner), Mrs S. R. Amaratunga (First Secretary), Mr B. L. M. Fernando (First Secretary), Mr A. A. K. Perera (Third Secretary/Assistant Trade Commissioner) and Mr V. C. Udugampola (Attaché).

Mrs Monarawela had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Antony Acland (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr Michael Quinlan (Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Department of Employment) had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Mininster and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this eveing.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Fellow of North East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, this morning opened the International Conference on Marine Propulsion at the Civic Centre, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

His Royal Highness, attended by Lieutenant-Commander Andrew Wynn, RN, later returned to London in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon at Buckingham Palace presented the 1984 Templeton Foundation Prize for Progress in Religion to the Reverend Michael Bordeaux.

The Duke of Edinburgh opened the Topolski Exhibition "Memoir of a Century" at Archway 152, Concert Hall Approach, SE1, where His Royal Highness was received by the Right Hon the Chairman of the Greater London Council (Mr Harvey Hinds) and Mr Feliks Topolski.

Captain Anthony Milton, RM was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Westminster Abbey Trust, attended a meeting of the Trust and of the Council of Donors at Westminster Abbey.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Fellow of the Zoological Society of London, this evening attended a dinner to mark the retirement of Professor the Lord Zucherman as President of the Society, at the Zoo Restaurant, Regent's Park, NW1.

His Royal Highness, attended by Mr Brian McGrath, was received on arrival by the President of the Society (Sir William Henderson).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this afternoon visited Bejam's 200th store in Woodley, Berkshire.

Having been received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Colonel the Hon Gordon Palmer) and the Chairmna of Bejam Group plc (Mr J. D. Apthorp), Her Royal Highness unveiled a commemorative plaque and toured the store.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips opened the Wilde Theatre at South Hill Park, Bracknell.

Her Royal Highness unveiled a commemorative plaque and toured the Theatre escorted by the Artistic Director (Mr G. Henderson).

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE

May 15: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon presented the Awards for Gallantry at the Annual Meeting of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution at the Royal Festival Hall.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston and Captain Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

May 15: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today visited R.M.S. St Helena, of the St Helena Shipping Company Limited, at Avonmouth Docks and was received on arrival at Bristol (Filton) Airport by Her Majesty's Lieutenant for Avon (Sir John Wills, Bt).

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Angus Blair and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at the Opening of the "Wedgwood in London" Exhibition at the London Showroom, Wigmore Street.

Mrs Angus Blair was in attendance.

May 15: The Duke of Gloucester, President, British Consultants Bureau, this morning visited W. S. Atkins Group Consultants at Ashley Road, Epsom, Surrey. In the evening His Royal Highness, as President, Cancer Research Campaign, presented awards at the 500 Group Reception, held at 2 Carlton House Terrace, London.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

Memorial service

Mr R. Beloe

The Archbishop of Canterbury welcomed the congregation and pronounced the blessing of a memorial service for Mr Robert Beloe held in Lambeth Palace Chapel yesterday. The Bishop of Ely officiated and the lesson was read by Mr J. L. Thorn, Headmaster of Winchester College. The Right Rev Dr E. J. Keymer-Roberts gave an address. Among those present were: Mrs Beloe (widow), the Rev Francis and Mrs Beloe (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Oliver Stutchbury and Mr and Mrs John Higginbotham (sons-in-law and daughters), Ruth and Amy Beloe, Mr Wycliffe Stutchbury, Miss Emma Stutchbury, Mrs Catherine Allan, Miss Rosalind Stutchbury and Miss Clare Higginbotham (grandchildren), Benjamin, Joseph and Lucy Stutchbury (great grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Simon Beloe, Mr and Mrs Michael Beloe, the Hon Lady Rose, Mrs John Cochrane, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs John Glanville, Mr and Mrs A R Daniel, Mr and Mrs David Macey, Mr Kevin Allen, Mr Derry Robinson, Mrs David Dimbleby, Mr Ben Gaskell, Miss Jo Gaskell, Mr Gowan Beloe.

The Bishop of Rochester, the Bishop of Gibraltar, the Right Rev O S Tomkins, the Right Rev C J Patterson, the Hon Kenneth Lamb (Secretary to the Church Commissioners), Vice-Admiral Sir David Loram, Sir David Floyd Ewin, Sir John Barnes, Sir Edward and Lady Britton, Sir Arnold France, Sir W D Pattinson (secretary-general, General Synod of the Church of England), the Master of the Temple (representing the King's School, Canterbury), Mr T Vise Smith (representing the Chairman of Surrey County Council), Mrs Henry Chadwick, Mrs P Walker, Mr and Mrs H Bagot, Mr and Mrs Seymour Meynell, Mr and Mrs David Carey, Mr Michael Kinchin Smith, the Archdeacon of Loughborough, Archdeacon Derek Hayward, Mr Michael De-La-Noy, Miss M Buchanan-Sydserff, Mr Richard D Fulford.



Falklands bound: Four senior nurses from Westminster Hospital, London, meeting yesterday before their departure soon, for the Falkland Islands, where they are to help to reestablish the civilian hospital in Port Stanley, which was recently destroyed by fire. From left: Staff Nurse Sandra Ward, Theatre Sister Caroline Forster, Night Nurse Joan Plows, and Staff Nurse Mary Liddle.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E. Woolley and Miss M. Bull

The engagement is announced between Edward Woolley, of 501 The Street, Sutton, Pulborough, West Sussex, elder son of the late Sir Charles and Lady Woolley, and Marion Bull, of Box Cottage, Sutton, Pulborough, West Sussex, younger daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Malcolm Bull.

Mr S. P. G. Bedford Roberts and Miss J. H. W. George

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr Alan Bedford Roberts and Mrs Ann Kirk, of Cambridge, and Jacqueline, younger daughter of Mrs Betty George and the late Mr Stanley George, of Trumpington, Cambridge.

Mr I. D. F. Griffiths and Miss R. A. Jones

The engagement is announced between Ian, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Griffiths, of Barton-on-Sea, Hampshire, and Rhiannon, younger daughter of the late Mr O. Jones and of Mrs L. Bates, of Bransgore, Hampshire.

Mr C. D. Helps and Miss D. M. Windus

The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs T. D. P. Helps, of Ashfield, Suffolk, and Denise, daughter of the late Mr H. A. Windus and of Mrs E. M. Windus, of Chippenham, Wiltshire.

Mr D. R. L. Holbech and Miss A. E. E. Sharpe

The engagement is announced between David Ronald Leigh, elder son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Holbech, of Farnborough Hall, Banbury, Oxfordshire, and Adriana Ellen Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Major and Mrs Bernard Sharpe, of Luxembourg and Woldingham, Surrey.

Mr D. S. Martin and Miss C. M. Harrod

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mrs J. Martin and the late Mr J. S. Martin, of Holyhead, Anglesey, and Christine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs S. L. M. Harrod, of Madeley, Shropshire.

Mr J. C. Kemp and Miss S. K. Forman

The engagement is announced between Jeremy Charles, son of Captain K. E. Kemp, Sultan of Oman's Navy, and Mrs A. M. Kemp, and Samantha Kyme, eldest daughter of Mrs Michele Knightly, of the Fishing Lodge, Britford, Salisbury, and Mr Marcus Forman, of Brookside Road, Bransgore.

Mr G. Newton Jones and Miss C. H. Whitehead

The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs W. A. Newton Jones, of Northfield, Essendon, Hertfordshire, and Susan, daughter of the late Mr George Whitehead and Mrs P. M. Whitehead, of Little Mascalls, Great Baddow, Essex.

Mr T. H. O'Donovan and Miss S. Shand

The engagement is announced between Timothy Hugh, son of Joan and Kevin O'Donovan, and Sarah, daughter of Lucilla Shand and the late James Shand.

Mr C. F. D. Pease and Miss G. A. Gordon

The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Dr and Mrs R. S. Pease, of West Ilsley, Berkshire, and Gillian Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Gordon, of North Tamborine, Queensland.

Mr J. N. G. Spurling and Miss J. M. Malcolm

The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Spurling, of Bugle House, Dockenfield, Farnham, Surrey, and Julia Mary, daughter of Colonel and Mrs James Malcolm, of Thatchers Barn, Worplesdon, Surrey.

Mr S. J. Thompson and Miss M. H. Christie

The engagement is announced between Steven John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Edward John Thompson, of Hove, East Sussex, and Moyra Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Christie, of Northumberland Heath, Erith, Kent.

Mr G. A. Traill and Miss C. M. Hedley

The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mr Ian Traill, of London, and Mrs John Anthony, of Juer Street, London, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Hedley, of Turweston Glebe, Brackley, Northamptonshire.

Birthdays today

Mr Bernard Braden, 68; Sir Colin Cole, 62; Mr Don Concannon, 54; Professor Norman Davies, 71; Sir Nicholas Goodison, 50; Mr Roy Hudd, 48; Mr Geraint Jones, 67; Major-General Sir Desmond Langley, 54; Sir John Pilcher, 72; the Earl of Portsmouth, 86; the Right Rev K. J. F. Skelton, 66; Sir Charles Wilson, 75.

Meeting

English-Speaking Union

Mr Jeffrey Benson, Minister at the Australian High Commission, spoke on Australian-British relations at a meeting of the English-Speaking Union Current Affairs Forum held at Dartmouth House last night. Mr David Griffiths, the Union's Director of Current Affairs, was in the chair.

Receptions

Wedgwood

Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present at a reception given yesterday evening by Sir Arthur Bryan and the directors of Wedgwood to mark the opening of the "Wedgwood in London" exhibition at Wedgwood House, 32-34 Wigmore Street, W1. Among those present were:

Mr and Mrs Gerald Abrahams, Sir Terence and Lady Beckett, Mr and Mrs W J Benson, Mr John Biffen, MP, and Mrs Biffen, Lieutenant-Commander Sir Richard and Lady Buckley, Sir Anthony Burney, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Colin Cole, Sir Terence Conran, Sir Robert and Lady Cooke, Mr and Mrs Edmund Cooper, Dr Neil Cossons, Mr and Mrs W A Craddock, Mr A H A Dibbs, Sir Monty and Lady Finniston, Sir John and Lady Ford, Mr and Mrs David Gentleman, Mr John Golding, MP, and Mrs Golding, Mr and Mrs Jerome Gould, Mr and Mrs R N Gunn, Professor and Mrs Richard Guyatt, Mr Jocelyn Hambro, Mr and Mrs Rupert Hambro, Lord and Lady Harris of High Cross, Mr and Mrs John Heddle, Mr and Mrs H R Hewitt, Mr and Mrs Simon Hornby.

Lord Elwyn Jones, CH, and Lady Elwyn-Jones, Sir Brian and Lady Kellett, Mr and Mrs Bernard Leser, the Earl and Countess of Lichfield, Mr and Mrs A C C Long, Mr and Mrs David McFall, Mr David Miller, Mr and Mrs Fergus Montgomery, Lord and Lady O'Neill, Mr and Mrs Roy Pearson, the Hon Sir Nicholas and Lady Redmayne, Mr Peter Rees, QC, MP, and Mrs Rees, Lord and Lady Reilly, Lord Rhodes, Lady Rochester, Sir John and Lady Rodgers, Mr and Mrs John Salisse, Viscount and Lady Sandon, Mr Peter Spurrier, Mr and Mrs Roy Stephens, Mr and Mrs R C Thornton, and Mr and Mrs R F W Watson.

HM Government

Mr David Trippier, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Industry, was host at a reception at Banqueting House, Whitehall, yesterday, in honour of delegates attending Bio-Tech '84 Europe.

Mr M. Howe

Mr Malcolm Howe gave a reception at King's Court North, Chelsea, last night, to celebrate the birthday of the Duke of Braganza.

Luncheons

HM Government

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon given at Admiralty House yesterday in honour of the High Commissioner for Zimbabwe.

United Newspapers plc

The chairman and directors of United Newspapers gave a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel yesterday for business associates and friends. Mr David R. Stevens welcomed the guests and Sir Philip Shelbourne replied.

Dinners

Zoological Society of London

The Duke of Edinburgh was present at a dinner given by the President, Sir William Henderson, and the Council of the Zoological Society of London to mark the retirement of Professor Lord Zuckerman, OM, after 29 years as secretary and president of the society. The guests included Mr Patrick Jenkin, MP, Mr Edward Heath, MP, the Earl of Snowdon, Sir Robert Armstrong, Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, Sir Hugh Casson, Sir Leonard Wolfson, Sir James Gowans, and past and present members of the council.

HM Government

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a dinner given at Admiralty House yesterday in honour of unofficial members of the Executive and Legislative Councils of Hongkong.

HM Government

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a dinner given at the Savoy Hotel yesterday in honour of the Foreign Minister of Sierra Leone, Dr Abdulai Osman Conteh.

HM Government

Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, was host at a dinner held in Cardiff Castle last night in honour of visiting representatives of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. Representatives of social, economic and cultural life in Wales were among the guests.

Sion College

The anniversary dinner of Sion College was held at the college yesterday when the president, the Rev F. P. Coleman, and the Court of Governors entertained the Bishop of London, Sir Peter Tizard, and other guests. Canon Gerald Hudson, the newly elected president, also spoke.

General Dental Council

The President, Sir Frank Lawton, and members of the General Dental Council held a ladies' night dinner last night at 37 Wimpole Street. The guests were Mr John Patten, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Department of Health and Social Security, and Mrs Patten.

Anchorites

The Anchorites held a dinner at the Café Royal last night. Mr D. W. Neighbour presided and the principal guest was Colonel J. N. Blashford-Snell.

Institution of Mechanical and General Technician Engineers

The Institution of Mechanical and General Technician Engineers held a dinner at the Kensington Palace Thistle Hotel last night to mark the inauguration of Sir Monty Finniston as president.

Tyzack & Partners Ltd

Sir Harold Atcherley, Chairman of Tyzack & Partners Ltd, presided at a dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club last night to celebrate the company's silver jubilee. The guest of honour was Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Commons, who proposed the toast of the company. Mr Nigel Humphreys, Managing Director of Tyzak, replied.

OBITUARY

SIR GEOFFREY ARTHUR

British diplomacy in the Persian Gulf

Sir Geoffrey Arthur, KCMG, who died yesterday at the age of 64, had been Master of Pembroke College, Oxford since 1975, prior to which he had had a distinguished career in the diplomatic service which culminated in his being Deputy Under Secretary of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office from 1973 to 1975.

Geoffrey Arthur was born on March 19, 1920. Exceptional linguistic ability won him a classical scholarship to Christ Church shortly before the Second World War, but he was one of many whose university careers were interrupted and transformed by that upheaval. Military service in Iraq and Iran stimulated him to teach himself both Arabic and Persian, so that when he returned to Oxford it was to read Oriental Languages under Professor (afterwards Sir Hamilton) Gibb. Gibb later described him as the most brilliant student he had ever taught, a remark which may be put beside that of one of his future Ambassadors who said that Arthur had been the only member of his staff at any time whose drafts he would have been prepared to sign without reading them.

He entered the Foreign Service in 1947 and quickly showed that as a diplomat he had a formidable intellectual equipment: an instinct for political realities, a determination to establish the facts of a situation with the greatest possible precision and thoroughness, and the ability to present his conclusions both elegantly and forcefully. He held his opinions with confidence and expressed them trenchantly. This could sometimes have given offence, were it not for his genial temperament and an engaging personal modesty.

His career was passed largely in, or in relation to, the Middle East, taking him to Baghdad, Ankara, Cairo and as Ambassador to Kuwait, leading up to his final overseas assignment in 1970 as Britain's last Political Resident in the Persian Gulf (a title over which he may have had some private reservations). There he played a crucial part in shaping the political settlement which the Government bequeathed to the Gulf, and particularly in the necessary reconciliation of the various and sometimes recalcitrant interests involved in the creation of the United Arab Emirates.

The smoothness of the final transfer of Britain's territorial responsibilites in the Middle East was largely due to the clarity with which Arthur understood the issues and the personalities involved, and to the persuasiveness of his diplomacy.

With this task accomplished, and after a sabbatical year in Oxford, he returned as Deputy Under-Secretary to the Foreign Office. An invitation to allow his name to go forward for the vacant Mastership of Pembroke College, Oxford, came two years later. He was elected, and returned to the pursuit of the academic interests which had always been a major source at once of his enjoyment and of his success in the diplomatic field.

This service, as he saw it, consisted primarily of an obligation to undergraduates. "As wet as twenty scrubbers" was one of his favourite phrases when he might wish to do justice to a particular senior member of the university, but towards undergraduates he displayed an attractive blend of belligerent interest and sympathetic concern.

However, Arthur's concept of his obligation went deeper than this. He identified Pembroke's needs in a time of recession and of cuts in education, and he spent most of his working hours trying to meet those needs. His Mastership saw the college financially secure and almost ready to provide its undergraduates with residential facilities that would be comparable with those of most other colleges.

This period saw considerable change. Pembroke, like most other Oxford colleges, became co-residential; external pressures on the University increased; internally undergraduates, although more anxious to learn than their predecessors of the sixties, wanted to share in college government. All these challenges Arthur took in his stride. That Pembroke emerged from such stresses must be attributed to the goodwill and steady patience of its Master.

While Master of Pembroke Arthur also raised very large sums to promote medical research not only in Oxford but also in London. The generosity of the benefactors whom he approached – not least the Gulf rulers and in particular Shaikh Zaid, President of the United Arab Emirates – would not have been what it was if they had not had total confidence in him.

His appointment as a director and later special adviser to the Board of the British Bank of the Middle East provided another continuing link with the Arabian Peninsula. The trust in and affection for him shown by a number of its rulers and notables during this period was a remarkable tribute to the position he had established as Political Resident.

In 1946 he married Margaret Woodcock, who survives him.

PROFESSOR A. H. ROBERTSON

Professor Arthur Henry (Bill) Robertson, who died at his home in France on May 4 at the age of 70 was for 12 years Director of Human Rights in the Council of Europe, from which post he retired in 1973.

The greater part of his life was concerned with international legal affairs and with the strengthening of relations between Europe and the United States of America. He was particularly dedicated to the furtherence of the international protection of human rights, on which subject he wrote a number of books.

After Harrow, and Magdalen College, Oxford, he won a Harmsworth Scholarship to Harvard Law School, from where he returned at the start of the war to serve in the British Embassy in Lisbon, and subsequently in the War Office in London.

He then worked with UNRRA, first as Legal Adviser in the European Headquarters, and then as Assistant General Counsel in Washington. There followed three years as a book publisher in Brazil, and one year as Deputy Director of the Supply Department of the United Nations Children's Fund, in Paris.

In 1950 he began service with the Council of Europe, spending five years as Joint Secretary of the Committee of Ministers. He then acted until 1962 as Counsellor in the Office of the Clerk of the Assembly, when he became the Director of Human Rights. He was also a Professor of Law at the University of Paris 1.

His principal books were *Human Rights in Europe* and *Human Rights in the World*.

He leaves a widow Pamela, a son and a daughter.

Dr Peter Forbes Borrie, who died on April 6 at the age of 66, was a well-known dermatologist who was in charge of the Skin Department at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, from 1968 to 1978.

The Ven Hubert Seed Wilkinson, who died on May 5 at the age of 86, was Archdeacon of Westmorland 1947-51, of Liverpool 1951-70, and from 1971 Archdeacon Emeritus.

Lady Anderson, widow of Lt-Gen Sir Desmond Anderson, KBE, CB, CMG, DSO, died on May 5 at the age of 90.

Science report

New microscope could see single atom

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Work has begun on building the world's most powerful microscope, which could allow scientists to observe directly individual atoms of almost any solid material.

The instrument will need such delicate movements to bring objects into visual focus that it will have to be operated under computer control.

The development of successively more powerful microscopes has been done at a handful of specialist laboratories in the United States, Europe and, more recently, Japan. One of the centres with a long list of inventions that have been converted to commercial success is the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge. Rivalry between the groups is intense.

Another series of inventions has emerged from Professor Albert Crewe at the University of Chicago. It is his team which is attempting to build a machine to see objects as small as one-half an angstrom unit in size, or about one twentieth of a millionth of a millimetre.

The most powerful instruments can resolve objects down to about two angstroms in size. Most atoms are spaced about one angstrom apart.

Development of a new device is supported by a grant of more than £1.5m, shared equally between the American National Science Foundation and IBM.

Professor Crewe, who in 1971 built a microscope capable of identifying single large atoms, expects the new design will take three years to complete. It will have several advanages over existing apparatus, which can observe only large atoms provided they are suspended

The next generation of scanning transmission electron microscopes (STEM) is the third variation devised by Proffessor Crewe over 25 years. As its name suggests, it incorporates features of both scanning and transmission electron microscopes.

The high resolution which is expected with the new instrument depends on an invention made at Chicago University to correct the inherent distortion created by the magnetic lenses used in electron microscopes.

Those defects, or spherical aberrations, were identified more than 40 years ago by Dr Otto Scherzer.

Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the 330th annual festival service of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy held yesterday in St Paul's Cathedral.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, bishops, aldermen and Masters and Prime Wardens of City Livery Companies were present and the Bishop of Edinburgh and Primus in Scotland preached the sermon. The cathedral choirs of Edinburgh, Portsmouth, Worcester and St Paul's, and the Philip Jones Brass Ensemble took part.

A dinner was held afterwards at Merchant Taylors' Hall. The Lord Mayor presided and Sir Douglas Lovelock was the guest speaker.

Church news

The Rev C. J. F. Scott, Rector of Sanderstead, in the Diocese of Southwark, and an honorary canon of Southwark Cathedral, has been appointed Bishop Suffragan of Hulme in succession to the Right Rev D. G. Galliford.

Divisional Court — Law Report May 16 1984 — Queen's Bench Division

No power to order a retrial

Maydew v Flint

Before Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice Mann

[Judgment delivered May 10]

On an appeal by way of case stated, the Queen's Bench Divisional Court had no power under section 6 of the Summary Jurisdiction Act 1857 to remit the matter to the justices for rehearing by way of retrial.

The court allowed an appeal by Mr Matthew Dawson Maydew from a decision of the Leighton Buzzard Justices who on August 1, 1983 had convicted him of driving a motor vehicle on February 6, 1983 with excess alcohol in his blood, contrary to section 6(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972.

Mr James Pavry for the appellant; Mr Michael Pert for the prosecutor.

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF said that the appellant's defence had been that he had consumed alcohol between ceasing to drive and the breath test being administered.

The justices had convicted him on the basis that he had proved neither that he had consumed any alcohol after he had finished driving nor that any such consumption had caused his blood-alcohol level to exceed the limit.

In so doing they had applied the law as it now was, following the coming into force of Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981, and not as it had been at the time of the offence. Accordingly the conviction could not stand.

Counsel for the prosecutor had submitted that it was open to the court under section 6 of the 1857 Act to remit the case to the justices for rehearing in accordance with the law as stated by the court.

However, the decision of the court in *Rigby v Woodward* ([1957] 1 WLR 250) was inconsistent with that submission, Lord Goddard having there said that the court had no power under section 6 to order a retrial.

The prosecutor had argued that that decision was unsupported by any other authority, was not warranted by the words of section 6, and could not be reconciled with the decision of the Court of Exchequer Chamber in *Shackell v West* ((1859) 2 E & E 326), which had not been cited to the court in *Rigby's* case.

In *Shackell's* case, the court had remitted a case to justices, who had already found all the relevant facts, for them to make a different order. Lord Cockburn had said that the case was being remitted for "rehearing", but neither of the other members of the court had used that word.

The court's reasons for sending that case back rather than varying the order itself was to preserve the appellant's right of appeal to Quarter Sessions. There had been no need for any rehearing of the evidence, and the court had not ordered a rehearing in the sense of requiring the whole case to be heard again.

The decision in *Shackell v West* was therefore not inconsistent with that in *Rigby v Woodward*. The court was accordingly bound to follow the plain view expressed by the Lord Chief Justice in *Rigby's* case, which had stood unchallenged for 27 years. The only course open to the court therefore was to quash the conviction.

Mr Justice Mann agreed.

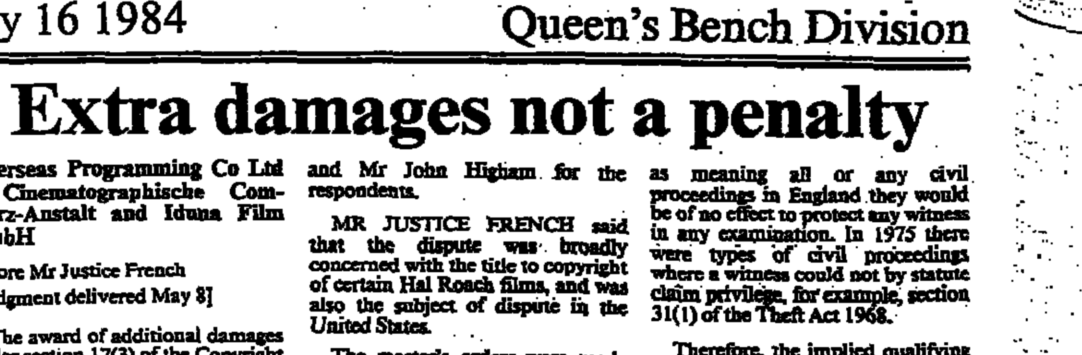
Solicitors: Bridgeman Morris, Leighton Buzzard; Foinette Quinn, Milton Keynes.

Recovery of land

Cudworth v Masefield

Order 24 of the County Court Rules 1981 (Summary proceedings for the recovery of land or rent) was more appropriate to proceedings for the eviction of squatters than for a highly complicated claim as to title.

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, with whom Lord Justice Slade and Lord Justice Parker agreed, so stated when allowing an appeal by defendants, Mr and Mrs John Masefield, of Askerwell, Dorset, on May 10, from orders made in the Weymouth County Court. Leave was given to the defendants to appeal to another county court judge.



Extra damages not a penalty

Overseas Programming Co Ltd v Cinematographische Commerz-Anstalt and Iduna Film GmbH

Before Mr Justice French

[Judgment delivered May 8]

The award of additional damages under section 17(3) of the Copyright Act 1956 was not capable of constituting a penalty within section 14 of the Civil Evidence Act 1968.

Furthermore, the privilege of witnesses, conferred by section 3(1) of the Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Act 1975, did not excuse a witness who was examined or required to produce documents pursuant to section 2 of the 1975 Act where the proceedings in the requesting court were such as were set out in section 72(2) of the Supreme Court Act 1981.

Mr Justice French so held in the Queen's Bench Division, in a judgment delivered in open court on May 8 after a hearing in chambers when dismissing three summonses by the applicants seeking to set aside orders of Master Creightmore, dated February 2, 1984, when he ordered examination of witnesses and production of documents pursuant to section 2 of the 1975 Act.

Mr Alexander Irvine, QC, Mr Bruce Mauleverer, Mr Peter Martin and Mr Richard Field for the applicants; Mr Michael Crystal, QC, and Mr John Higham for the respondents.

MR JUSTICE FRENCH said that the dispute was broadly concerned with the title to copyright of certain Hal Roach films, and was also the subject of dispute in the United States.

The master's orders were made following letters rogatory of a judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

His Lordship, having dismissed the summonses, said that it was implicit in section 17(2) of the 1956 Act that a person who infringed copyright knowingly might be liable in damages although he reasonably believed he was the owner or was to have a licence from the owner.

Clearly, the legislation provided in the words, "is satisfied that effective relief would not otherwise be available to the plaintiff" and "additional damages", for just relief to a plaintiff, not a penalty against a defendant.

As to the question of privilege, were it not for section 72 of the Supreme Court Act 1981, a witness in the examinations ordered could claim privilege if he feared, as alleged, prosecution for conspiracy to defraud.

The words "civil proceedings in (England)" in section 3(1) (a) of the 1975 Act had to be qualified. If read as meaning all or any civil proceedings in England they would be of no effect to protect any witness in any examination. In 1975 there were types of civil proceedings where a witness could not by statute claim privilege, for example, section 31(1) of the Theft Act 1968.

Therefore, the implied qualifying words had to be such as "at common law" or "except where statute provides otherwise", or such as "civil proceedings equivalent to those instituted or whose institution is contemplated in the requesting court". That appeared to be more consistent with the policy of the 1975 Act.

The consequences might well be that a witness could on the one hand be compelled to answer in the examinations while on the other hand he had no such corresponding protection under section 72(3) of the 1981 Act in criminal proceedings in this country.

A criminal court, however, had a discretion to exclude admissible evidence if it would be oppressive to admit it. His Lordship expected the discretion to be exercised in any subsequent criminal proceedings in favour of a witness compelled to answer an incriminating question in the examinations that were to take place.

Solicitors: Goodman Derrick & Co, David Lee & Co, Denton Hall & Burgin; Linklaters & Paines.



THE ARTS

Cinema

Political novelties

The British flag is bravely waving at the Cannes Festival, even if the director credits of the two films in competition suggest a Polish invasion. Marek Kaniewska's film of Julian Mitchell's play *Another Country* (which opens in London on June 8) was the first film exhibited in competition. Jerzy Skolimowski's *Success is the Best Revenge* will be shown on Friday. The genesis of Skolimowski's film was a short story by his own 15-year-old son; it follows *Moonlighting* to the extent of being about Polish temperaments confronting British society. Michael York plays the leading role, of a successful Polish theatre director living in London with his wife and children. "In part – looks and behaviour – he is myself", says Skolimowski, "but ideologically and morally he is a lot of different people."

The Polish connexion continues in *Cal*, which is photographed, with an outsider's sense of the exotic, by Jerzy Zielinski. The film is produced by David Puttnam for Goldcrest, but appears here as an Irish entry, and with an authentically Irish character. It is adapted by Bernard McLaverty from his own novel, and belongs to a venerable tradition of fatalistic dramas set against the background of twentieth-century Irish history.

Cal is a 19-year-old Catholic living in present-day Ulster and unable to extricate himself from the mechanisms of sectarian hostility and fanaticism. The film's sympathies are with neither sect; rather it sides with people against the war. Bigots, bullies and terrorists, flags, banners and parades are as perilous on either side.

The director, Pat O'Connor, is himself Irish, but trained in the film school of U.C.L.A. The only sign that *Cal* is a first feature is a tendency to try pulling out all the stops – particularly the touches of Fordian pastoral romance that contrast with the urban horrors. It was well received by the Cannes audience, for whom a British film with overt political content is a comparative novelty.

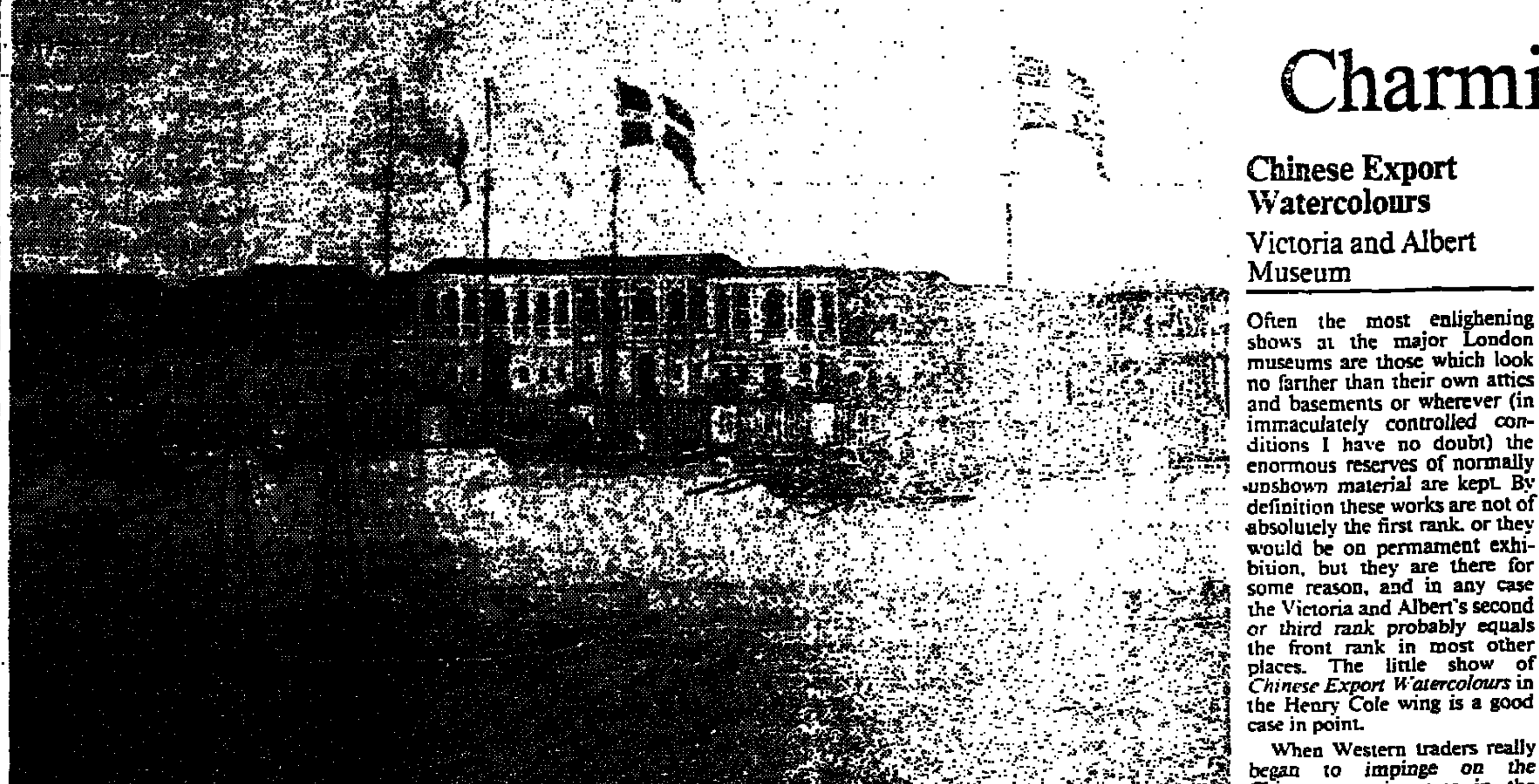
British politics certainly figure on the screen here. Foreign audiences are intrigued, in *Another Country* – which toughens up the socio-political implications of the original play – by our fascination both with class and our cherished little group of Cambridge spies.

The Falklands war figures in *Argie*, directed by Jorge Blanco, an Argentine expatriate and shown in the *Semaine de la Critique*. Begun during the conflict and finished under grave financial difficulties, it remains a rough sketch, but engaging.

It is about an expatriate living in London who despises equally the British and the Generals, but is still a patriot. He decides to wage his own war – or at least the pillage and rape part of it. His first rape victim, a pub stripper, turns out to be annoyingly good-humoured and accommodating about it. Their subsequent adventures together, the mishaps and anguish of the man (a beautiful comic performance by the director himself) and the intercut scenes of the war catch the mixture of tragedy and comedy in that strange little piece of history.

Other British films figure in the Directors' Fortnight: Stephen Frears's *The Hit*, a complex drama of crime and retribution; Chris Petit's *Flight to Berlin*; and *The Bostonians*, the latest venture of the Merchant-Ivory group, for once not in competition in Cannes.

David Robinson



Sober but graceful observation: detail from watercolour on silk of *The Canton Waterfront*

Galleries

Charmingly commercial

Chinese Export Watercolours

Victoria and Albert Museum

Often the most enlighening shows at the major London museums are those which look no farther than their own attics and basements or wherever (in immaculately controlled conditions I have no doubt) the enormous reserves of normally unshown material are kept. By definition these works are not of absolutely the first rank, or they would be on permament exhibition, but they are there for some reason, and in any case the Victoria and Albert's second or third rank probably equals the front rank in most other places. The little show of *Chinese Export Watercolours* in the Henry Cole wing is a good case in point.

When Western traders really began to impinge on the Chinese consciousness in the early eighteenth century, it was almost immediately realized that they offered an interesting new sales outlet for all kinds of Chinese art products. Being practical in such matters, the Chinese soon recognized that works made entirely for home consumption might not be to the Western taste, and set about finding what would exert the strongest appeal.

Having worked this out to their own satisfaction (and hopefully to that of potential purchasers), they supplied the felt want with a will. Innumerable artists in the coastal regions which were most regularly in contact with foreigners turned out by the hundred scenes of Chinese life which were deliberately exotic enough to whet the curiosity of foreign audiences, along with works specifically referring to the tea trade and other sections of the export market which might be expected to ring some immediate bell outside China.

There were also many views of the ports known to Western traders, and natural history illustrations, combining grace and charm with educational value, as well as "miscellaneous subjects" which could take in anything from local boat design to Chinese ladies' hairstyles, were all grist to the mill. The V & A has recently published a new volume in its Far Eastern Series on the subject of its holdings of these export watercolours and drawings (by Craig Clunas, £8.95), and to match it there is this comprehensive exhibition (until May 27) which shows everything illustrated in the book.

Clearly the Chinese artists involved gauged their export market well, for even today it is hard not to respond at once, like Pavlov's dogs, when they press the right buttons. Whether it is with scenes of delicate fantasy, like the intricate landscape of *Monkeys Picking Herbs* (c.1780), or the sober down-to-earth observation in the slightly earlier watercolour on silk of *The Canton Waterfront*, the charm and grace are irresistible.

John Russell Taylor

Concerts

Cracow RSO/ Penderecki

St Bartholemew's, Brighton

To criticize Penderecki's work in progress is about as useful as to criticize the Arc de Triomphe. It is a national monument and, what is more, it belongs to someone else. If one were to commit the error of considering this *Polish Requiem* as a work of art, then of course it would have to be judged unbearably pretentious.

The apparatus is enormous (four soloists, chorus and large orchestra), as is the length: Monday night's Brighton Festival performance, introducing us to just the "Agnus Dei" and some small fragments of the "Dies Irae", went on for well over half an hour and no doubt when the work is complete it will considerably out-distance the Verdi and Berlioz funeral masses rolled together.

It may yet have rather fewer notes. Following his practice of the past decade, Penderecki spreads the melodic material of a nursery rhyme over the dimensions of a Bruckner adagio. But, if the pace is Brucknerian, the substance decidedly is not: Penderecki's conterprint is shamelessly tentative, rarely venturing beyond two frailly coupled parts, except for the favourite mass effects of fear and loathing.

In this sub-tonal music the triad remains the surprise it was in the atonal Penderecki of yesteryear, but only because the harmonic reach is so tiny and the existence of three notes at the same time is so stunning an achievement.

But here I am taking the wrong tack. We were witnessing not a musical composition, not a religious event, but a national act of remembrance. The "Agnus Dei" was written for the obsequies of Cardinal Wyszynski, the "Lacrimosa" for the tenth anniversary of the 1970 uprising in Gdansk. Beyond those immediate occasions, the fitness of a Polish requiem at this point in history needs no explanation. Of course, Verdi and Berlioz managed to create requiems that were both official and personal, monumental and artistic. Penderecki's is hewn in rougher style.

At least the result is music not too discommoded by the cavernous acoustic of the high Tractarian brick basilica that is St Bartholomew's. Jadwiga Gandulaka and Vera Baniewicz were the properly Slavonic lady soloists, and Andrzej Leonard Mroj the orotund bass; the tenor, William Kendall, matched him in fervour, and so too did the Academy of St Martin's Choir.

The Cracow Radio Symphony Orchestra, conducted by the composer, played their chromatic scales with all the sombre earnestness the occasion demanded. Curiously they sounded even more fired by the importance of their task for Antoni Wit in Penderecki's Violin Concerto, which had no national significance but only the superb confidence of the soloist, Konstanty Kulka, to mask its vacuity.

Paul Griffiths

Mitsuko Uchida

St John's/Radio 3

Schoenberg and Schubert represented a thoughtful contrast in the BBC's lunchtime concert by Mitsuko Uchida at St John's, Smith Square, on Monday, which can be heard again on Radio 3 next Sunday. The pianist, now London-based, used a shrewdly judged contrast of dynamics and control of the music's ebb and flow to help point the structure of Schoenberg's Three Piano Pieces, Op 11, one of the first works in which he began to abandon traditional tonality.

She was particularly successful in the attention she gave to the balance of phrasing and the harmonies involved in the lengthier second piece, where the gentle but menacing ostinato in the bass register repeatedly modified the effect of the rest. The rapidly evolving ideas and abrupt changes of character in the third piece were moulded by Schoenberg's new style of piano writing into a vivid tone picture.

The control of dynamic levels was also a feature of Schubert's G major Sonata (D 894), where the wide-ranging opening movement (which the first publishers labelled a *fantasie*) was played with a clear view of its musical purpose, even to a repeat of the initial exposition in spite of the repetition of ideas within it. As the quiet appeal of the opening turned more assertive, the pianist skilfully deepened its sonority.

Her control of phrasing gave an almost courtly character to the slow movement, and the minuet movement was distinguished by a concern for its moderate tempo as well as for the lyrical grace of its trio.

Noël Goodwin

Fine Arts Brass Ensemble

Wigmore Hall

It used to be accepted that, for lack of serious repertoire, brass quintets had to fill their programmes with arrangements and frivolities. With the likes of Elliott Carter and Maxwell Davies having contributed substantial works for the medium, however, the situation is changing, but, despite including a new piece that made uncompromising demands on the listener and two others that were rather more than simple entertainment, the Fine Arts Brass Ensemble nevertheless balanced their first major London concert towards lightheartedness, in presentation as well as content.

Having thus criticized, I must at once say that this group's extraordinarily polished ensemble playing easily bears comparison with the likes of Philip Jones and colleagues. In Jonty Harrison's neatly titled *Sons transmutants/sans transmutant*, written for them last year, they found an excellent vehicle for displaying the variety of colour available to them. The overlapping and constantly shifting sonorities of the opening sustained unison B flat are cleverly applied, section by section, to an ever-unfolding texture, while the ultimate return to a narrower register is crowned by a teasingly suspended close.

Malcolm Arnold's Brass Quintet has become something of a classic, but is no easier to play for that. This reading had a scintillating sparkle to it, while at the same time the performers were well aware, and made us so, of the uncompromising, Teutonic toughness of the first movement and the intriguingly distant sentiment of the central Chaconne. Lutoslawski's *Mini Overture*, the only other original work in the evening, was given with an engaging briskness, and not a hint of pomp.

As for the rest, it varied from a rather laboriously contrived (and, I thought, patronisingly introduced) "Stuart Masque", arranged by Stephen Roberts, the group's compère and first horn, to an effervescent Fats Waller group transcribed by Bryan Allen, who plays second trumpet. He it was who made the transcription of the first movement of Vivaldi's Double Trumpet Concerto, and with his colleague Andy Culshaw he brought it off brilliantly.

Stephen Pettitt

Television

Posthumous perils

Malcolm Lowry, averred the sepulchural commentary to **Under the Volcano** (ITV), had "turned his back on the truth and was being punished for it". That punishment may have been posthumous (he swallowed a bottle of pills in 1957) but it was no less terrible for that. It is not often that a writer is subjected to lampooning as mercilessly thorough as that meted out by this "dramatized documentary".

"The daily death of Malcolm" was played out in rich chiaroscuro, with smoking guns, screaming harpies and feet encased in high-heeled red shoes with white polka dots, while a ponderous voice, perpetually on the point of bursting into tears of pity and awe, pointed out the moral. "Perhaps we all ought to make the same mistake just once", opined the voice. "A monumental piece of original dirt." Out of the volcano within him "had been born, darkly and tremulously, a soul. It was as if the funeral pyre had proved inadequate to the phoenix."

"Success", boomed the voice, "is like some horrible disaster." Lowry's book, after many rejections and five years of rewriting, had finally been accepted by Jonathan Cape. "The seagulls were flying again." And the metaphors were getting magnificently mixed. Malcolm and his friends were now "like men whose eyes are being stuffed with potatoes". Fame, "like a drunkard, consumes the house of the soul".

Lowry, former boxer, "disliking homosexuals" and "intensely afraid of syphilis", was not entirely at his ease with women. Lowry: "You're the greatest woman in the world. But why do I have to listen to you?" Woman: "You look like Saint Sebastian. I'm fresh out of halos. There are all kinds of woman. Some of them like dogs. Some of them like husbands." Lowry: "God and I see through everything. And we see through you." Woman: "Malcolm. Please! You are sick." Lowry: "I'm a great man."

John Huston has filmed the book. He and several familiar actors have things to say about it but, with *The Rite of Spring* rumbling under their feet, and distraught peasants throwing water on burning shacks in the background (the Midlands Fire Brigade figure prominently in the credits), it is hard to catch their drift. Huston's film is shortly to be seen at the Cannes Festival.

Horizon (BBC2) was also a shade confusing, but then the Laotian yellow rain saga becomes more bizarre with every day that passes. America has accused Russia of using biological weapons, and Laotian refugees are on hand to describe the mysterious and lethal consequences of the stuff that falls from the sky.

The BBC team listened to scientists and anthropologists as well as to politicians and military men. It subjected the American allegations to a scrutiny more rigorous than the State Department considered either necessary or desirable. People have recently suggested that the yellow rain is bee droppings. Pursuing this, and allied theories based on tropical biology, *Horizon* wove a fascinating web of surmise.

Michael Church

Tom Abbott (below), a Jet in the very first *West Side Story*, has spent most of the generation since then guarding the Jerome Robbins tradition. The show comes back to London tonight: interview by **Sheridan Morley**

Dramatic unity every step of the way

It was just over a quarter-century ago that *West Side Story* first opened at Her Majesty's in London, and tonight it is back there in a roadshow revival that started out last Christmas from the Leicester Haymarket. Theatre historians now will tell you this was the show which perhaps more than any other changed the sound and shape of the Broadway musical and dragged it unwillingly into the second half of the twentieth century. It was also the show that established the 27-year-old Stephen Sondheim as lyricist (his first complete Broadway score was not to come for another five years) and it was a show that almost never happened.

Its original producer Cheryl Crawford pulled out a few weeks before the opening and six years after the initial Arthur Laurents-Jerome Robbins idea had been conceived, on the grounds that it was no longer the drama-documentary about race relations in New York that she was expecting. At that point Sondheim persuaded Hal Prince to take over the production, but the initial reviews on both sides of the Atlantic were decidedly mixed. On the first night at Her Majesty's Harold Hobson and Noël Coward were seen in heated argument, Coward defending a show that Hobson had patently loathed.

Tynan thought the score "as smooth and savage as a cobra" but a long article in the *New York Times* took Sondheim to task for rhyming "island of tropical breezes" with "island of tropic diseases", pointing out that there had been only one new case of leprosy reported in Puerto Rico all year. For the *Observer*, Angus Wilson could not decide if the show was "an immensely vital and colourful spectacle of youth or a piece of super-sophisticated kitsch tricked out with vaguely symbolic ballet and pseudo-Menotti arias", and even Sondheim came in later years to have grave doubts about some of his early lyrics: "I had this uneducated Puerto Rican girl singing 'It's alarming how charming I feel'... she would not have been unwelcome in a Frederick Lonsdale drawing room."



But that score also contains an indication of the staccato urgency that was later to hallmark the best of Sondheim's work ("Could it be? Yes it could. Something's coming. Something good. If I can wait") and over the past 25 years it has been in constant revival somewhere in the world: indeed the last place I saw it was an opera house in Leningrad. Certainly it had dated by then; its techniques had been overtaken by the stage-managers of the Sixties, and indeed if in the famous judgment "people beat scenery" then it has to be said that *West Side Story* tends to be a scenery piece and one which therefore shows its age rather more than such later Sondheim scores as *Forum* or *Company*.

But this is not, of course, in the strict sense a Sondheim score at all: it is a Bernstein score and a Jerome Robbins production and what we have now at Her Majesty's is an utterly accurate reproduction of Robbins's original staging by one of his most faithful and long-serving disciples, Tom Abbott. Mr Abbott is a theatrical figure of a kind almost totally unknown over here: not strictly a director or a choreographer in his own right, he has dedicated himself across the past 20 years to the detailed recreation of Robbins's work on *West Side Story* and *Fiddler on the Roof* in most of the theatregoing countries of the world.

Born 49 years ago in Waco, Texas, Mr Abbott set out to be a dancer: "Father worked on the railroad, but when I was nine I found out there was a tap-dancing school in the town – it's about all there was – and so I joined. Then two weeks after I got my high-school diploma I got the train to New York, enrolled in a ballet school and got a part-time job on the New York Stock Exchange as a pageboy to pay for the lessons. That was 1953 and I was 18, with such a strong Texan accent that I knew I'd never get work as an actor, so I just kept dancing."

A season in summer stock followed, then more ballet lessons and in 1956 the first auditions for *West Side Story*: "Mr Robbins had been teaching in my ballet school, so he knew my work and he took me on as a Jet. In rehearsal I worked harder than I ever had in my life; it was my first Broadway show and I was terrified of getting the sack. There were a lot of big names around – not only Mr Robbins but Sondheim and Arthur Laurents, who wrote the book, and of course Bernstein, and I think they all knew that they were on to something special and different from the musicals that had gone before. We felt in rehearsal that it had to be the biggest hit or the biggest flop in town – it sure wasn't going to be mediocre.

"We opened in Philadelphia, made some minor changes, and then began to realize what we'd got: a show in which, for the first time ever, singing and dancing and acting came together in one dramatic unity. It was only with *West Side Story* that the director and the choreographer began to be one and the same person, and that the dances stopped being interuptions to the action and became the action. Robbins was the first legit ballet man to take over a musical. Agnes de Mille had done *Oklahoma*, but only as choreographer; Mr Robbins was the director, and he paved the way for Bob Fosse and Gower Champion in the Sixties."

After two years in *West Side Story*, during which time he rose through the ranks to principal dancer, Abbott was taken by Robbins to Spoleto where he was forming a new ballet company; in the years that followed, Abbott began to work for Robbins on a whole range of ballets and musicals, ending up as his assistant ballet master with the New York City company. Along the way he has reproduced 15 *Fiddlers* around the world (including the last London staging with Topol) and four *West Side Stories*:

"Each time it's a new country and a new cast, but I never change a single step of Mr Robbins's work. Nowadays of course people have video recorders to preserve choreography on tape, but when I started out I learnt every single step of *West Side* and *Fiddler* so that I could always do them from memory. I know what every dancer on that stage has to be doing at every moment.

"The great thing about Mr Robbins is that he always started with a story. Nowadays the heart has gone out of the Broadway musical and it's all rock stars with electronic technology, but with *Gypsy* and *Fiddler* and *West Side* Mr Robbins always started from people. He was really the man who built the modern Broadway musical, and although in the last ten years he's gone right back to the ballet where he started, that's only because on Broadway he can no longer find something to dance about. Until he does, I make sure that his work is kept alive."

Theatre

Black Ball Game

Lyric, Hammersmith

Racial prejudice is a nettle that not many comic writers care to grasp, and it was a sad waste when Don Webb's play expired three years ago after a short run at the Tricycle. Roger Smith's welcome revival confirms *Black Ball Game* as an extremely effective polemic – all the more persuasive for holding its anger in reserve – which delivers a weighty civil rights cargo without overloading a tightly plotted and very funny satire on salesmanship.

Through one day of steadily mounting desperation it follows the squalid manoeuvres of a fly-by-night company to net a training and recruitment contract that will put its slimy boss (Des) and his sharp-witted underling (John) into the big money.

The two faces of the operation are summed up in Roger Glossop's set: a hotel conference room first seen ankle-deep in the morning-after debris of a junior salesmen's beano, and then transformed into a severe inquisitorial chamber where the day's six applicants are to be grilled under video cameras.

Matters get off to a brisk liberationist start with the hotel's girl conference manager (Carol Drinkwater, in a part much strengthened since the original production) abrasively rejecting the role of Girl Friday on the strength of one night with John, and leaving him to clear up the mess. The first applicant then arrives: an enthusiastic, well educated and resourceful young salesman, who happens to be black.

It is no news to him that black salesmen are an unknown species; and he proves his vocation first by selling himself to the cynically dismissive John, and then sailing triumphantly through a trial interview with the oily Des who finally acknowledges defeat with a torrent of racist abuse.

John, to whom Lee Walker brings an all-too-credible blend of aggressive intelligence and queasy self-disgust, is the moral centre of the story: alcoholically floundering in a job he despises for a boss he hates, but still capable of escaping notwithstanding the rise in unemployment of which the revised text duly takes note. Harry, the black applicant (Hugh Quarshie, the lone survivor of the 1981 production) and Michael Medwin's weasel-smooth Des occupy the fixed positions of ironist and impostor.

Mr Webb's particular success, however, is to combine the absolute patterns of classical satire with the compromises of the real world: so that, even if racism ends with egg on its face, Des still slinks off – stuffing the hotel fruit into his briefcase – to cheat another day.

Irving Wardle



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BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

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INSURANCE

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

SHIPPING

MINES

OIL

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

1983/84 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
475	291½	Air Call	428	● ..	8.0	1.9	20.9
143	53	Berkeley Exp	110	+2	..●	..	..
36	7	Bula Resources	25	−2			
248	160	Cent Ind TV NV	243	..	9.3	3.8	14.8
300	110	Cornell Hldgs	293	+2	..●	..	..
63	43	Fed Housing	60	..	3.5	5.8	7.3
153	114	Gee (Cecil)	151	..	3.0	2.0	17.2
118	66	Godwin Warren	113	● ..	2.0b	1.8	16.4
435	335	Merrydown Wine	395	..	7.1	1.8	16.6
170	113	Metal Bulletin	170	..	9.4	5.5	14.7
920	285	Micro Focus	800	+30	..b	..	..
298	140	Microlease	267	+13	2.9b	1.1	20.3
273	138	Miles 33	233	+15	3.6	1.5	17.8
51	25	New Court Nat	44	..	1.7	3.9	17.3
31½	23½	Owners Abroad	25¼	−½	0.7	2.8	4.7
52	37½	Parkfield Fndry	41	..	..	..	..
210	150	Pericom	208	..	2.4	1.2	33.0
156	123	Securiguard	151	..	2.5	1.7	28.4
88	46	S.W.Resources	60	+3	2.6	4.3	..

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Body Shop International 5p Ord (95a)	195
Burmatex 10p Ord (155)	184
CPS Computer 20p Ord (67a)	180
Chart J Roths Pac Inv 25p Ord	100+1
Cambium Venture 5p Ord	20½
Commercial Bank of Wales £1 Ord	113
First Leisure Corp £1 Ord (180)	185
Fledgeling Japan Inv $0.01 ($5)	19
Formdesign 20p Ord (114a)	136
Havelock Europa 10p Ord (75a)	85−2
Hume Robert Group 20p Ord	116
Do "A" NV (At 156 per unit a)	107
Meadow Farm 10p Ord (130a)	152
Nth Sea & Gen Oil £1 Ord (125a)	:03
Our Price 20p Ord (215)	271
Panthorelia 25p Ord (80pa)	:00
Peranol 10p Ord (215)	375
Plantation & Gen Inv 25p Ord	2X5−5
Plaxton Int 25p Ord (126a)	143
Powerline Int 5p Ord (160a)	258
Rastco Oil Services 10p Ord (70a)	98
Scantronic Hldgs 2½p Ord (78a)	1:0
Sutherland ET 25p Ord (95a)	:00−1
Systems Reliability 10p Ord (210)	470
Tod W & J 5p Ord (143a)	163

Issue price in parentheses s Unlisted Securities, * by tender.

MONEY MARKETS

Clearing Banks Base Rate 9-9¼%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 5 Low 4

Week Fixed: 7-6½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	8 13/16	2 months	8 13/16
3 months	9	3 months	8 27/32

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	8 9/16-8½	1 month	9 7/16
2 months	8 13/16-8 11/16	2 months	9 5/16
3 months	9-8 31/32	3 months	9½
6 months	9 7/16-9 5/16	6 months	10 5/16

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	9⅝-9 5/16	7 months	9⅞-9½
2 months	9½-9⅛	8 months	9⅞-9½
3 months	9¾-9½	9 months	10⅛-10¼
4 months	9⅞-9½	10 months	10½-10⅛
5 months	9⅞-9½	11 months	10½-10⅛
6 months	9⅞-9½	12 months	10½-10⅛

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	8 25/32-8½	6 months	9 9/32-9 7/16
3 months	9 7/32-9 5/32	12 months	9 27/32-9 23/32

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	7⅛	3 months	9⅛
7 days	8⅛	6 months	9½
1 month	8⅞	1 year	10

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 6½		Close 7	
1 week	7¼-7	6 months	9½-9⅜
1 month	8⅝-8 7/16	9 months	10-9⅞
3 months	9⅛-8 29/32	12 months	10¼-10⅛

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 9⅜ 6 months 9⅞

Finance House Base Rate 9%

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

OTHER £ RATES

EURO-$ DEPOSITS

Rates Supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

COMMODITIES

THE TIMES
FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Goodison's head will not help the rebels' cause

Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange, is facing a growing threat to his re-election next month to the 52-member governing council. As one of the two principal architects of the Brave New World (the dethroned Cecil Parkinson is the other) he is the inevitable focus for the fears and resentments of the small and medium size broking firms whose businesses and livelihoods seem to them to have been put at unnecessary risk.

The 1983 concordat between the Stock Exchange and the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry which saved the Stock Exchange from the Restrictive Practices Court has produced a schism among the faithful. On the one side are the 1,000 members working for London's top firms. Many of them have already reached partnership agreements with large outside institutions and, not surprisingly, they support the changes in the market structure

On the other side are the 1,000 members working for the smaller firms which are increasingly concerned over the abolition of single capacity which appears to come inexorably with negotiated commissions and the prospect of failing to survive the commercial consequences of what seems to them a revolution taking place with indecent and dangerous haste.

Sir Nicholas is one of 13 council members seeking re-election next month. Nominations are due on June 11 and the voting takes places on June 20. Each member is allowed 13 votes, one for each vacancy.

None of the present council, where senior officials are elected, would stand in opposition to Sir Nicholas. But there is just a chance that his opponents could muster enough support to defeat his re-election to the council itself.

Sir icholas may attend a meeting called for late today by the growing opponents of what is happening

All council members now face the charge that while each is supposed to be like an MP for a constituency of smaller firms, they have neglected their constituency duties. Many small brokers claim they have never heard from their representatives and thus were not consulted about the changes now underway.

Mr M E B Walters of brokers Schaverien & Co. speak for money in saying: "A very significant number of the council members are partners or principals of firms which have negotiated a 29.9 per cent sell-out. By such an action these council members, having established a 29.9 per cent comfort for themselves and their firms, can no longer have a 100 per cent interest in the remaining Stock Exchange membership and member firms they purport to represent."

He went on: "With the Stock Exchange Council elections coming up next month this issue must be put to the test. Unless, in their re-election manifesto, those seeking our votes give a reassurance of the interests of the small and medium sized firms by referring the Green Paper (the Stock Exchange's own discussion document) back for proper discussion and consultation, it will be right and proper that their position on the Stock Exchange Council must be challenged in the forthcoming election."

Mr Walters said yesterday that his objections have been well received within the membership and that proper discussion and consultation would be one way of de-fusing the rebellion.

It is apparent that at least half the London members of the Stock Exchange, convinced and fervent advocates of change in virtually every other established area of our national life, from the Church to the trade union movement, are themselves afraid and distrustful of change. They would be less than human if they weren't. The real issues are whether their anxieties about the shape of things to come are well founded, rationally or emotionally, and whether these concerns ought to influence either the nature or the pace of the changes envisaged.

It needs to be said that no opposition from smaller firms can roll back the attempt, through the deliberate release of market forces, to make London into an efficient, and therefore, competitive international securities market. To achieve that requires a new market dealing system (almost certainly a competing market making system on American lines). That in turn requires financially powerful groupings of brokers, bankers and other players. Both system and structure demand new techniques based on communications and systems technology largely unfamiliar to the bulk of Stock Exchange members.

In addition to generalized fear of change, resentment at lack of consultation, and a genuine belief that rapid revolutions end in grief, the smaller firms have specific fears. Will there be a market to which they can to to act simply as agents for the clients in the way they know and they believe to be best? Or will they be compelled to become market markers – something they are not remotely qualified to be? Is the only salvation to sell to a big brother, losing their independence and their equity? Will the new technology be available to them on the same terms and at the same time as the leading firms? Why should they underwrite a Compensation Fund that will be exposed in future to new and and bigger hazards not of their choosing?

The task facing the Stock Exchange Council is essentially this: to convince its troubled and rebellious members that while the first objective is to raise London as an international market, the second aim is to maintain and strengthen the "home" market in securities. The first does not exclude the second. Nor does it require the extinction of small and medium firms acting solely as agents. On the contrary. With proper forethought and sensible rule-making, in what promises to be an expanding market for both private shareholders and capital seeking domestic British companies, the future beckons them as surely as it does their bigger brethern.

Worth the struggle and the price

The hostility among pension funds especially to Reuter's capital structure has taken some toll. Underwriting has cost 2 per cent instead of 1¼ per cent, although this can equally be explained by the longer-than-usual three-week waiting period dictated by the simultaneous issue in London and New York.

It is harder to tell whether that, rather than the fast-changing investment climate, has affected the group's launch value, once put as high as £1.5 billion by outside optimists and now down to £170m at the miniumum London tender price. Judging from the suggested range in the New York offering, bankers Warburgs and Rothchilds, not to mention the hand-rubbing newspaper publishing groups, will be most upset if the London striking price is anywhere near the minimum.

Even at that level the two years of complex negotiations and compromises needed to sort out Fleet's shareholdings, secure the future of PA news services through its retained "A" shares and satisfy the need to protect the international independence of Reuters news services have all been more than worthwhile for the economy of Britain's newspaper industry.

Certainly, the Reuters prospectus reveals a company that should find a wide welcome among investors big and small. Reuters is both pioneer and world leader in one of the fastest-growing businesses in the world, serving, with rapidly advancing technology, the equally fast-growing worldwide financial markets.

Potential investors should wait for some reaction in New York before deciding what price to bid. For the moment, the US shares will be held via depositary receipts, with a likely over-the counter quotation. That is unlikely to put off the Americans, especially as an orderly marketing agreement will stop more "B" shares flooding into the market before 1986. And I cannot see British pension funds and insurance companies keeping out of the auction.

The Times 1984 Budget briefing

Late bookings for the briefing on May 22 – at which the principal speaker will be Mr John Moore, Financial Secretary to the Treasury – can be made by telephoning 01-405 3501 (24 hours). The venue is the Dorchester Hotel in London.

Flotation is likely to value Reuters at up to £920m

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Reuters, the news agency and financial information group will be launched on the London Stock Exchange at the beginning of next month on terms that are likely to value it at between £790m and £920m and raise about £50m in new capital to finance development.

Up to 25 per cent of Reuters Holdings' capital is to be sold simultaneously in London and New York. Half of this is will be via an offer for sale by tender of 57 million low-voting B shares in London at a minimum tender price of 180p per share.

A further 50-million shares, and possibly up to 57 million, are to be offered in New York on a different system, which suggests a price range of between 200p and 235p.

Employees will be offered a further 3 million shares at 75p each.

The prospectus, published as a special supplement to *The Times* today, reveals that the launch of Reuters represents the greatest cash injection yet for Fleet Street and provincial newspaper publishers and newspaper companies in Australia and New Zealand. It will also turn Reuters' managing director, Mr Glen Renfrew, and two other Reuters executive directors into millionaires.

The former shareholdings in Reuters were controlled by the Newspaper Publishers Association, representing Fleet Street papers; the Press Association, which is largely owned by provincial newspaper groups and the Australian and New Zealand associations. These have now been split into 27 per cent high-voting 'A' shares, which will retain control of Reuters, but will not be freely traded. B shares, accounting for 73 per cent, which can be sold, have mostly been transferred to individual newspaper publishing companies.

The shareholders have taken widely differing attitudes that have led the International Thomson Organisation to sell its entire B share stake while News International, owner of Times Newspapers, is selling none.

Reuters was founded in London in 1851 by Paul Julius Reuter, a German immigrant, as a service to transfer stock and share prices rapidly between the City and the Continent. It rapidly turned into a general news agency servicing newspapers all over the world. In 1941 it effectively had to be rescued in an agreement between the newspaper owners designed to guarantee its continued independence, through shareholdings and trustees.

Main UK newspaper owners of Reuters

	max cash from sale	value of unsold shares
Fleet Holdings	£50.2m	£5.2m
Assoc Newspapers	£17.86m	£37m
News Int.	not selling	£49.6m
Reed Int.	£14m	£33m
Guardian	£6m	£21.6m
Telegraph	£8m	£18m
Int. Thomson	£25m	none retained
S Pearson	£7.7m	£15.3m
Utd Newspapers	£9.6m	£5m

● All values calculated on a 200p issue price assuming all shares on offer are sold

The group achieved a new prosperity in the 1960s and 1970s by returning to its financial origins via new electronic money market information services transmitted through 33,000 Reuter Monitor video terminals. It is now achieving a second phase of rapid growth by offering subscribers a direct money market dealing service through pressing buttons on desk consoles.

Reuters paid its first dividend for 40 years in 1981. Profits have grown rapidly, reaching £55m on turnover of £242m in 1983. The board, headed by Sir Denis Hamilton, is forecasting about £70m pretax profit for 1984, which would produce after-tax earnings of 10.29p per share.

At the minimum 180p tender price, Reuters shares would sell at 17.5 times earnings and yield 1.98 per cent in dividend.

The group's complex share structure, which also includes a blocking share for trustees, angered leading City institutions so much that they have boycotted the process of underwriting the shares. Nevertheless, the London issue has been fully underwritten at the higher than usual commission of 2 per cent.

US output up 14%

US industrial production increased by a seasonally-adjusted 1.4 per cent in April after a revised 0.5 per rise in March, the Federal Reserve Board reported in Washington.

April's industrial growth pushed output so far this year 14.4 per cent above the level of 12 months earlier.

Meanwhile, in early trading on Wall Street, share prices were mostly lower, surrendering early technical gains.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was virtually unchanged, having been up by more than three points earlier. Declining shares narrowly outnumbered advances.

Superior Oil was the most active issue, unchanged at $41½.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT–SE 100 Index: 1094.6 up 12.2 (high: 1095; low 1083)
FT Index: 878.0 up 4.0
FT Gilts: 79.69 up 0.06.
FT All Share: 515.38 up 4.2.
Bargains: 24,272
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 115.07 up 0.51.
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1148.97 down 2.10
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,604.54 up 41.20.
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 924.07 up 15.35.

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling
$1.3875 down 5 pts
Index 79.9 down 0.2
DM 3.8175 down 0.01
FrF 11.74 down 0.0125
Yen 322 up 1.0
Dollar
Index 131.5 down 0.2
DM 2.7500 down 0.0040.
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.3890
Dollar DM 2.7440
INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.586671
SDR £0.750564

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9-9¼
Finance houses base rate 9
Discount market loans week fixed 7-6¾
3 month interbank 9⅝ - 9 9/32
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 12 - 11⅞
3 month DM 5 9/16
3 month Fr F12¾
US rates
Bank prime rate 12.50
Fed funds 10⅝
Treasury long bond 97 29/32 - 98 1/32
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period April 4, 1984 to May 1, 1984 Inclusive: 8.934 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $373.35 pm $373.25
close $373.50 (£269.25)
New York (latest): $374.25
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$384 - 385.75 (£277 - 278)
Sovereigns* (new):
$88 - 89 (£63.25 - 64.25)
*Excludes VAT

Lloyd's to allow outside investors

By Andrew Cornelius

The Lloyd's of London insurance market opened its doors to outside investors yesterday to mark the latest stage in the City's financial services revolution.

A new underwriting agents' bylaw, which took effect yesterday, means that for the first time non-members of LLoyd's will be able to buy controlling stakes of Lloyd's managing agencies and members' agencies. Previously, outside investors were restricted to buying non-voting shares in the agencies.

Early next year the Lloyd's authorities are likely to relax the rules governing the ownership of Lloyd's brokers and underwriters by the large composite insurance companies.

The changes mean that financial institutions which are expanding their role to take part in the financial services revolution made possible by the relaxation of the Stock Exchange rules governing the control of stockbrokers and stockjobbers, will also be able to take a position in Lloyd's,

The relaxation of the Lloyd's ownership rules is likely to speed the insurance market's moves to divest insurance broking and underwriting agency interests in the market by the July, 1987, deadline set by the 1982 Lloyd's Act.

The ownership of about one third of the 140 agencies within the Lloyd's market is expected to change hands before 1987 to comply with a law aimed at preventing a conflict of interests between managing agencies and underwriting agencies within the market.

The Lloyd's authorities hammered out the ownership proposals at meetings late last week after liaison with City issuing houses and the Stock Exchange. The Lloyd's council ratified the proposals on Monday after taking note of the objections raised by City investors to the proposed issue of non-voting shares in the Reuters news agency.

Lloyd's will protect the interests of the market by insisting that any financial institution taking a stake in an agency should not interfere in the underwriting arrangements of the agency.

Where there is any evidence of unreasonable influence upon the underwriters by the owner of an agency the Lloyd's Council will be able to instruct the directors of the agency to sell their holding.

Lloyd's of London is considering proposals which would ban 34 non-Lloyd's broking firms with annual premium income of £9m from placing insurance business in the Lloyd's market.

Two groups barred from Sealink bid

By Jeremy Warner

European Ferries and P & O are being struck off the list of contenders for Sealink, the British Rail cross-Channel ferry business which is being sold off as part of the Government's privatization programme, on competition grounds, Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said yesterday.

P & O was told that any bid it made would be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Since British Rail has set a deadline of the end of next month for the sale to be completed, the six months that an examination by the Commission would normally be expected to take, effectively ruled the company out, a Department of Trade and Industry spokesman said.

The Department of Trade and Industry has also refused to release European Ferries from undertakings it gave four years ago not to bid for Sealink after the Commission found that combining its Townsend Thoresen cross-Channel business with that of Sealink would be anticompetitive.

Mr Tebbit's decision was condemned last night by both P & O and European Ferries. Mr Ken Siddle, the European Ferries chairman, said he was disappointed and frustrated and that so far as he was concerned the matter was not dead. He said: "Allowing us to bid for Sealink would have ensured that the highest possible price was seen to be obtained for the taxpayer, it could have ensured greatly reduced fares

Ken Siddle: "the matter is not dead"

At P & O Mr Jeffrey Sterling, the chairman, said he was surprised and disappointed because his company was the best placed of all the contenders to develop Sealink into a commerical success.

Four other bidders have been cleared from the threat of a reference. They are Trafalgar House, which is toying with the idea of bidding for P & O; Sea Containers, a Bermudan company best known for running a modern version of the Orient Express; Ellerman Lines; and a consortium of the Sealink management, the National Freight Consortium and several City institutions.

Retail sales recover to peak

By Frances Williams
Economics Correspondent

Business in the shops bounced back last month after a depressed start to the year, allaying fears that the consumer boom had run its course. But retailers gave a warning yesterday that further rises in interest rates could severely damage consumer confidence and dampen spending.

The volume of retail sales showed an unexpectedly sharp jump of 3.6 per cent in April to reach a peak of 112.2 (1980 = 100), easily surpassing the previous record of 111 for the runup to Christmas last year, according to provisional figures from the trade department. This bears out retailers' claims that sluggish sales in the first three months of the year were due largely to special factors, chiefly the severe weather and the lateness of Easter.

The cut in the mortgage rate and Budget tax reductions will have helped to give sales in April renewed impetus.

The Retail Consortium, which represents the bulk of Britain's retailers, said trade was holding up well so far this month but injected a note of concern on interest rates.

Business in the three months to April was about the same as in the previous three months, but 3.5 per cent above its level a year earlier.

IN BRIEF

Queensway bids £7.8m for stores

Harris Queensway, the carpet and furniture retailing company built up by Mr Phil Harris, has launched an agreed £7.8m bid for Leeds-based Bakers Household Stores.

Bakers operates 26 self-service stores selling non food merchandise in the North of England. Harris is bidding one of its shares and £11.80 cash or £15.60 cash for every 10 Bakers shares.

●SEARS HOLDINGS is to pay a final dividend of 1.8p for the year ended January 31, 1984, bringing the total to 2.5p (1.87p). Profits jumped by 40 per cent to a record £59.1m. As part of the group's push into the United States. Sears should announce an ADR listing shortly in New York, just a few weeks after acquiring a 115-shoe store chain from National Shoe for $21m.

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Economists urge EEC growth

Call for reflation

By Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor

Europe's extraordinary rise in unemployment can only be reversed if the leading governments agree to a temporary reflation of their economies, according to a pre-summit report published yesterday by the Macroeconomic Policy Group of the Centre for European Policy Studies.

The group, which was set up by the Centre in 1982 after consultations with the EEC Commission, consists of a small number of well-known European economists under the chairmanship of professor Rudiger Dornbusch of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The group's second general report, *The Case for Unsustainable Growth*,* argues that the European economy is now so far below its trend rate of economic growth – a gap of about 8 per cent by 1983 – that a temporary budgetary reflation is necessary. An "excellent form of stimulas", the group argues, "would be increased infrastructure investment, with temporary investment subsidies in the private sector and a temporary employment subsidy."

The group examines three possible constraints which might impede successful reflation, its report argues that there is no danger of rekindling inflation while unemployment in Europe, which exceeds 10 per cent, is so far above "non-acceleration inflationary rate of unemployment", or NAIRU. This is calculated to be about 7½ per cent for the EEC economies. The group argues that there would be no "financing constraint" provided reflation were temporary, and that co-ordination between the leading economies would avoid the risks to which a single country would be exposed if it reflated alone.

The group, having timed it report for the run-up to the London economic summit, takes care to point out the differences between now and 1978, when leading goverments agreed to a co-ordinated reflation at the Bonn economic summit. The results of this policy were subsequently widely criticized. The group argues that there is much more slack in the world economy now than there was in 1978.

However, at a public discussion of the report organized yesterday by the London School of Economics, professor Patrick Minford of Liverpool University attacked what he called the "neo-Keynesian orthodoxy" of the group and argued that previous attempts at reflation since the mid-1960s had all ended in higher inflation.

CEPS papers No. 8/9, Rue Ducale 33-1000 Brussels.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Thorn talks revive price rally

By Michael Clark

News of the merger talks between **Thorn EMI** and **British Aerospace** breathed life into the equity market yesterday, just as the stock market's technical rally showed signs of slowing.

In the event, dealers reported a fresh wave of buying orders after hours that enabled the FT Index to close at its high for the day, 4.0 up at 878.0. The FT-SE 100 showed some much *wider-spread support, closing* 12.2 up at 1094.6.

Dealers expressed satisfaction at the news of the $4.5 billion safety net for Chicago's biggest *bank, the* **Continental Illinois**, which in turn had a steadying influence on the US bond market. Gilt-edged prices also indicated satisfaction at the course of events, extending opening gains of £⅛ by a further £¼ after hours to show gains of £⅜ on the day in longs, as the dollar showed signs of running out of steam on the money markets. At the shorter end, the improvements were restricted to £¼. The FT Government Securities Index failed to monitor the late movements, closing *only 0.06 higher* at 79.69.

In equities, sentiment was also helped by figures from **Grand Metropolitan**, the brewing to hotel giant, showing *interim profits up 30 per cent at* £147m. But subsequent profit-taking left the shares only 2p *higher on the day at 342p.*

Stores greeted the news of a 3.6 per cent rise in the Retail Price Index during April cautiously. **Marks and Spencer** hardened 2p to 162p while **Boots** firmed 1p to 167p.

Dealers expressed surprise at the reaction to record profits from **Sears Holdings**, the Selfridges store to William Hill bookmaking group. These showed pretax profits up from £113m to £159.1m. But the shares could only muster a disappointing 2p rise to 90p.

Having failed in his attempt *to buy* **Stylo Shoes** *and* **Comet**, Mr Phil Harris has now bid for **Bakers Stores**, the supermarket retailer. **Harris Queensway** is bidding £7.5m for the group and has already received undertakings for 40 per cent of the shares. Bakers' shares spurted 33p to 153p on the news but Harris Queensway lost 2p at *387p.*

The leading banks made a long-awaited rally after the **Continental Illinois** news. **Barclays** advanced 20p to 484p, **Lloyds** 10p to 579p, **National Westminster** 20p to 657p and **Midland** 5p to 374p.

Martins the Newsagents advanced 3p to 311p – 51p above the 260p being bid by W. H. Smith – on hopes that a white knight will appear. Speculation that BAT Industries has been buying shares appear wide of the mark. Arthur Guinness, which already owns a newsagent chain, seems a safer bet and is believed to have picked up a parcel of shares.

Among the merchant banks, ***Hill Samuel*** held steady at 280p as a line of 300,000 shares went through the market at a small discount to the present price.

Among blue chips, **Allied-Lyons** was wanted 6p dearer at 167p. There was also support for **Beecham** 7p to 323p, **Glaxo** 7p to 830p, **ICI** 4p to 596p, **TI Group** 4p to 250p and **Plessey** 2p to 220p. **Hawker Siddeley** took off after the news of the merger talks between **British Aerospace** and **Thorn EMI**, climbing 12p to 435p.

The directors of **Spring Ram**, the Yorkshire kitchen and bathroom equipment manufacturer, have decided to sell part of their holding in the company amounting to 950,000 shares, or 9.04 per cent of the total. Mr Bill Rooney, chairman, has sold 271,000 shares, reducing his holding to 2.085 million shares. **Sagitas AG**, a trust controlled by the Rooney family, has sold a further 207,000 shares and now owns 1.58 million, while two other directors, Mr Robert Murray and Mr John Smith, have between them sold another 360,000 shares. The balance of 102,000 shares was sold by five other directors. The shares were placed with a number of institutions at a premium to the present share price at 200 23/32. The share price was unmoved at 196p yesterday on the Unlisted Securities Market.

Mr Michael Clark (no relation), a private investor, has agreed to buy 600,000 shares (19 per cent) in **Diamond Stylus** from Mr Geoffrey Kendall-Jackson, a director of Diamond Stylus. This raised speculation that it might be the move to a full bid and sent the shares racing ahead 5p to 42p. The American group **Katy Industries** is Diamond Stylus's biggest shareholder with a near 30 per cent stake.

The Kuwait Investment Office has reduced its stake in **Hogg Robinson**, the Lloyd's insurance broker and long-favoured bid favourite among market speculators. The Kuwaitis now own 11.10 per cent compared with the 13 per cent announced in March. **Mills & Allen International** owns another 8 per cent of the equity and **Aitken Hume** recently bought just over 5 per cent of the shares. They closed 1p dearer at 195p.

Mr Michael Ashcroft has again stepped up his holding in **Henlys** to just below the important 29.9 per cent level above which he must make a full offer for the company, **Coleman Milne**, the luxury car conversion group, of which he is chairman, has just bought an extra 300,000 shares, taking its total holding to 3.8 million shares, or 27.1 per cent. This now means that just over 56 per cent of the equity is now held by two outside shareholders. **The Bank of Scotland** owns 29.62 per cent under the name of **Avondene**. Henlys, once the target of an unsuccessful dawn raid by Mr Jim Gregory, chairman of Queens Park Rangers Football Club, was unmoved at 121p.

Discount house **King & Shaxson** improved 3p to 155p as the **Courtaulds Pensions Common Investment Fund** *announced it had been buying* another 175,000 shares in the company. This takes its total holding to 750,000 shares.

Shares of loss-making Milford Docks rose another 1p to 47p yesterday after hitting a new low of 39p last account. Full-year figures, due shortly, are expected to make better reading. There is talk that they may be followed by a bid. Last year, a consortium bought nearly 30 per cent of the group.

Gold made only a small improvement in quiet trade, despite news of a further weakening of the dollar on the foreign exchange. The price of the precious metal closed 25 cents up at $373.25. The heavyweight producers mustered modest support with **Hartebeest** up $2 at $77½, **Kloof** $1⅛ to $47¾, and **President Brand** $1¼ to $39½.

Equity turnover on May 14, was £249.333m (21,054 bargains). *The number of British* and Irish stocks traded was 161.4 million. Gilt bargains totalled 3,628.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Profit-taking in the dollar that developed during the earlier part of the session was halted by higher April industrial production figures in the United States and another weakening of US bond markets.

Dealers *reported* unsettled trading conditions

The worsening *labour unrest* in West Germany failed to upset the Deutschemark to any extent.

The Deutschemark did well against sterling where worries about the miners' strike upset sentiment. The rate closed 1.20 pfennings higher at 3.8140 (3.8260). *The pound's trade* weighted index ended at 79.9 compared with 80.1 overnight.

Against the dollar the pound moved within a very narrow *band ending 5 points down* at 1.33875. The dollar closed lower in Deutschemark terms at 2.7500 (2.7540)

MONEY MARKETS

Period rates came off *a little* more at the short end of the market in response to continuing easy day-to-day money conditions.

Business, however, was on a modest scale and concentrated in the area out to two months.

Longer dates held firm in reflection of the market's underlying nervousness about *base rate prospects.*

Interbank, overnight money hovered in the region of 6⅝ per cent for most of the session, though late trading saw the rate dip to about 4 per cent. The rate *finished at about 7 per cent bid.*

Local authorities mostly stuck to the very short end.

Dollar rates remained very firm, though trade was slow and there was little reaction to the US industrial production rise of *1.4 per cent in April.*

Hollas in £450,000 takeover

Town and County Estates (Cheshire), which is 50 per cent owned by the Hollas Group, has bought Chesters House Sales, a Manchester estate agency, for £450,000 in cash. The net assets being acquired, excluding goodwill, are £135,000.

Town and County has also acquired the goodwill of Robert Jordan and Partners and Jordans Estate Agents from Messrs Robert Jordan and Martin Dearden for £150,000 in Town and County preference shares. Messrs Jordan and Dearden together own the other 50 per cent of Town and County.

The combined business creates a widely-based estate agency, property survey and valuation division.

In brief

● **PETROGEN PETROLEUM:** Application list for offer for sale of 4 million shares closed, oversubscribed.

● **WOOLWORTH:** Woolworth Holdings now holds 92.96 per cent of shares in Comet Group. Offer unconditional and remains open.

● **FARNELL ELECTRONICS:** Mr R. Kidd, chairman, reports in his annual review that prospects for the coming year are still favourable and he looks forward to reporting further success in a year's time..

● **JOHN FOLKES HEFO:** Mr C. J. Folkes, chairman, reports in his annual review that 1984 started with general improvement: balance sheet strong with gearing lower than at any time since company's formation in 1968.

● **BREWMAKER:** Mr Colin Sanders, chairman, told the annual meeting that the first quarter of this year started well, with turnover considerably higher than 1983.

● **RYAN INTERNATIONAL:** Results for 1983. *Turnover £25.02m (£12.22m).* Pretax profit £1.11m (£866,000). No dividend (same).

●**CRAMPHORN:** Interim dividend doubled to 10p for the half-year to December 31 last. Turnover was £5.54m (£4.78m) and pretax porfit £84,000 (loss £70,000). The board is considering a capital reorganization, involving a subdivision and scrip issue.

● ***OWEN OWEN:*** Mr John Norman, chairman, declares in his annual review that profit improvement remains an imperative. It will be the *company's main aim in 1984.*

TEMPUS

Seccombe seeks a slot in changing market

The pattern of results and corporate moves in the discount market appears to be settling down to a predictable pattern. Houses with sparkling results, like Gerrard & National, are opting to go it alone, while stragglers – Jessel? – are falling into the arms of predators.

But where the changing structures leaves Seccombe Marshall & Campion must remain, for the time being at least, a conundrum. Seccombe have have been brokers in the discount market for the Bank of England for 60 years, a role which gave the house an importance out of all proportion to its size.

On one hand, this has generated a fairly steady profits growth. Conversely it has perhaps impeded the kind of spectacular expansion shown by a Gerrard or a union discount. How do the servants of the ancien regime fare in the revolution? Mullens, who play a similar role to Seccombe in the gilts market, must be asking themselves a similar question.

To the untrained eye, a merger between the two offers an expedient solution. But this could prove *premature*. Over at Seccombe, the atmosphere is far from defeatist. The £60,000 rise in profits owes a lot to aggressive gilts trading, and the year end balance sheet should show lots of strength. The house is convinced that it can develop a slot for itself in the changing London market, just as "boutique" broker-dealers appear to have done in New York.

But more surprisingly, Seccombe sound willing to listen to overtures, just like any other discount house. Although special considerations would be attached by the authorities to any deal, the house does not appear to be completely shackled by a traditional relationship. At 340p, unchanged on the day, the shares *might* have further to go, assuming the house can lend an open ear to bid talk.

GrandMet

The only blot on what was an otherwise impressive set of interim results from Grand Metropolitan was the disastrous performance in the foods division. Trading profit slipped from £15.5m to £8.7m which leaves little hope for a recovery in the full year. The 1982/3 results had been adversely affected by the cost of commissioning the Ruyton creamery and the integrated distribution facilities, but the downturn was expected to halt this year. Unless efficiency can be improved in what is a very competitive market there is a danger that foods will switch from being merely an under-performing division to a real drag on the results.

Elsewhere, GrandMet saw improvements across the board and the pretax profit received a boost from a reduced interest charge. There must be some doubt whether this fall will be maintained throughout the year and the full year's charge *will be broadly in line with the* £111m incurred in 1982/83.

The group is reluctant to become excited about the 29 per cent growth in pretax *profits and is still pessimistic* about sustaining the performance in the second half. This time last year GrandMet reported a 52 per cent rise in pretax profits but when the full year turned in only a 34 per cent increase the market was a litle disappointed. Two months ago at the annual meeting Mr Stanley Grinstead, chairman, expressed doubts about the company's ability to maintain the excellent start to the year. Nothing seems to have happened which makes him more optimistic, but *his* caution has not been enough to dissuade some brokers from upgrading their profit forecast for the year.

Part of the reason for this cat-and-mouse attitude to the performance has been the company's concerted effort to reduce the disparity between the results in the two halves of the year. Profits have traditionally been concentrated in the second half, but a steady reorganization has reduced the variance. Although big increases are coming through in the first half these are unlikely to be so pronounced in the second.

Even allowing for a slower growth in the second half and litle recovery in the foods division, pretax profits of £360m *for the full year should* be achieved comfortably. After early increases, the share price slipped to end 2p up at 342p.

Sears Holdings

Sears Holdings has unearthed the ultimate in corporate *alchemy* – making the weather work for the group. When the sun shines, the public flocks to spend – witness the £20m jump in shoe retail profits to £84.4m., and the £12m expansion in Selfridges' and other store operations' profits. And when it rains? In poor weather, betting odds go haywire, and the group cleans up through its William Hill betting chain. Betting profits last year jumped £5m to £11m.

Last year, however, was possibly a never-to-be-forgotten 12 months' trading. As well as climatic extremes, the group benefited *from* a *lucrative* constant – heavy consumer spending, both in the US and Britain. Hence, car sales and servicing showed a 40 per cent jump in profits; housebuilding generated half the property division's £14m profits; in the US, *Butler Shoes' contribution* rose £7m to £12.7m.

Sears concedes that the going this year is likely to be tougher. A further profits gain is likely, but not a *similar scale of* growth; the year began sluggishly, although recent weeks have seen a pick-up in consumer spending.

Perhaps shares *warrant* a sale tag, as the rise in British and US rates threaten to choke off excess demand. Certainly the rate of outperformance by the shares has been slowing throughout the year.

Long-term holders, however, should be aware that Sears now plans to shift its axis of *emphasis solidly to the US. If* the company and rating is right, Sears is happy to consider deals of almost any scale, in an attempt to build up the shoe side still more. Net cash of £160m (18p a share) backs up the expansion plans. So, if the market comes back, long-term holders should treat the shake-out as a buying opportunity. The shares rose 3p to 91p on the day.

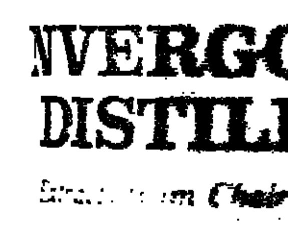
Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1983/84 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
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Insurance Bonds and Funds

1983/84 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
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APPOINTMENTS

New TI chairman

TI Group: Sir Brian Kellett has retired as chairman. Mr R. E. Utiger, who has been a director since 1979 and managing director since June 1982, takes over as chairman and managing director. Mr M. L. G. Boughton has become deputy chairman and managing director (operations).

The Littlewoods Organisation: Mr Prodip Guha has been appointed group marketing director.

Barclays Bank of Zimbabwe: Mr John Carter formerly deputy chairman has become chairman. He succeeds Mr Geoffrey Ellman-Brown who has retired.

William Jacks: Sir Peter Gadsden and Mr Robert Adley have joined the board.

General Accident: Mr Jason Frangoulis, Mr Tom Roberts and Mr Nelson Robertson, general managers with the corporation, have been appointed directors.

BACMI: Mr David Taylor, executive chairman of Redland Aggregates, has been elected chairman in succession to Mr Gordon Lea. Mr Tom Stobart, managing director of ECC Quarries, has been reelected vice-chairman. Mr Richard Boddy, group managing director of Tilcon takes Mr Taylor's place as chairman of BACMI's Aggregates Product Committee.

FIXIT (Adhesive): Dr Colin Wall has been appointed chairman, and Mr Joe Gormezano has become chief executive.

The Star Group of Companies: Mr E. Stuart Wilson will become managing director on August 31.

WALL STREET

	May 14	May 11
AMF Inc	15¾	16
AMR	34	34½
Allied Chem	51	51¾
Allied Stores	43½	43¾
Allis Chalmers	12¾	12¾
Alcoa	33¾	34¼
Amax Inc	23	23¼
Amerada Hess	32¾	32¾
Am Brands	56¾	55½
Am Broadcast	57¾	57¾
Am Can	43¾	44¼
Am Cyanamid	49¾	49¾
Am Elec Power	16½	16¾
Am Home	52¾	53¼
Am Motors	4¾	4¾
Am Nat Res	31¾	32¼
Am Standard	29¾	27¾
Am Telephone	15¾	15¾
Armco Steel	18¾	18½
Asarco	27¼	27¾
Ashland Oil	27¾	27¾
Atlntic Richfield	47¾	48¼
Avco	27¾	28¼
Avon Products	20¾	20¼
Bankers Tst NY	42	42¼
Bank of America	18¾	18¾
Bank of Boston	35¾	35
Bank of NY	31½	31½
Beatrice Foods	31¾	31½
Bethlehem Steel	21½	22¾
Boeing	37¾	38¾
Boise Cascade	35¾	35
Borden	57¼	57½
Borg Warner	28¾	28¾
Bristol Myers	44½	44¾
BP	28¾	28¾
Burlington Ind	28¾	28¾
Burlington Ntkn	45¾	45¾
Burroughs	52¾	52¾
Campbell Soup	37¾	38
Canadian Pacific	32¾	33¼
Caterpillar	45¾	46
Celanese	73½	74¼
Central Soya	16	16
Chase Manhat	47¾	47¾
Chem Bank NY	29¾	29¾
Chrysler	22¾	22¾
Citicorp	32¾	32¾
Clark Equip	31½	31½
Coca Cola	55¾	55¾
Colgate	24	24¼
CBS	73	73½
Columbia Gas	33¾	34
Combustion Eng	31½	32
Comwlth Edison	24	24
Cons Edison	25¾	25¾
Cons Foods	38¾	38¾
Cons Power	7¾	7½
Continental Grp	35¾	36¾
Control Data	31¼	31¾
Corning Glass	65½	64½
CPC Intnl	36¾	36¾
Crane	35¾	35½
Crocker Int	23¾	24
Crown Zeller	33¾	33¾
Dart & Kraft	74½	75¾
Deere	30½	30¾
Delta Air	33	33¾
Detroit Edison	13¾	13¾
Disney	64	62¾
Dow Chemical	30¾	31½
Dresser Ind	21½	21½
Duke Power	24¾	24½
Du Pont	48¾	49¾
Eastern Air	5½	5½
Eastman Kodak	66¾	67
Eaton Corp	44¾	46
Esmark	51¼	52½
Evans P. D.	7	7
Exxon Corp	42¾	43¾
Fed Dept Stores	47½	48¾
Firestone	18¾	18¾
Fst Chicago	23¾	23½

	May 14	May 11
Fst Intrst Bncp	35	35
Fst Penn Corp	5¾	5¾
Ford	35	35¾
GAF Corp	17½	17¾
GTE Corp	38½	38¾
Gen Dynamics	49¾	50¾
Gen Electric	54¼	54¾
Gen Foods	52¾	52¾
Gen Mills	50¼	50¾
Gen Motors	63	63¾
Gen Pub Util NY	8¾	9
Gen Tire	32¾	32¾
Genesco	7	7
Georgia Pacific	26½	26¾
Getty Oil	127½	127¾
Gillette	45½	48
Goodrich	31	31¼
Goodyear	25¾	26
Gould Inc	27½	27½
Grace	36¾	36¾
Gt Atlte & Pacific	15¾	15¾
Greyhound	23¾	23¾
Grumman Corp	28½	28¾
Gulf Oil	•78¾	78¾
Gulf & West	33¾	33½
Heinz H. J.	34½	35¼
Hercules	31½	32¾
Honeywell	53¾	53¾
IC Inds	43½	43¾
Ingersoll	45¾	46¾
Inland Steel	22¾	22¾
IBM	112¾	111¼
Int Harvester	6¾	6¾
INCO	11¾	12¾
Int Paper	50¾	51¾
Int Tel Tel	35¾	35¾
Irving Bank	58¼	58¾
Jewel Co	52½	54
Jim Walter	27¾	27½
Johnson & John	35¾	35¾
Kaiser Alumin	15	15¾
Kerr McGee	32¾	32¾
Kimberly Clark	85¾	85¾
K Mart	27¾	27¾
Kroger	31¼	32¼
L.T.V. Corp	14¾	15
Litton	68	68½
Lockheed	37¾	38¾
Lucky Stores	17¾	17½
Manuf Hanover	34¾	35
Manville Cp	9¾	10
Mapco	28½	28¾
Marine Midland	22¾	22¾
Martin Marietta	38¾	38¾
McDonnell	58½	58¾
Mead	32¾	33¾
Merck	90¾	90¾
Minnesota Mng	75¾	75¾
Mobil Oil	28¾	28¾
Monsanto	83	84¼
Morgan J. P.	70¾	70¾
Motorola	116¾	117¾
NCR Corp	105¾	106¾
NL Industries	15¾	15¾
Nabisco	40½	40½
Nat Distillers	27¾	27¾
Nat Med Ent	22¾	22¾
Norfolk South	54¾	54¾
NW Bancorp	29½	30
Occidental Pet	32½	31¾
Ogden	37¾	27¾
Olin Corp	29	29¾
Owens-Illinois	35½	35½
Pacific Gas Elec	13¾	13¾
Pan Am	5¾	5¾
Penney J. C.	50¾	50¾
Pennzoil	37¾	37¾
Pepsico	40½	40¾
Pfizer	32¾	33¾
Phelps Dodge	21	21¾
Philip Morris	65¾	65½
Phillips Petrol	41¾	41½
Polaroid	29¾	29¾

	May 14	May 11
PPG Ind	29	29¾
Procter Gamble	48¾	47½
Pub Ser El & Gas	22¾	22¾
Raytheon	38¾	38¾
RCA Corp	36½	38
Republic Steel	26¾	27½
Reynolds Ind	58¾	58¾
Reynolds Metal	30¾	29¾
Rockwell Int	26¾	26¾
Royal Dutch	51	50¾
Safeways	23¾	24
St Regis Paper	36	36¾
SFE Sopac	22½	23
SCM	38¾	38¾
Schlumberger	50¾	50½
Scott Paper	30¾	30¾
Seagram	34	34½
Sears Roebuck	31¼	31¾
Shell Oil	58¾	58¾
Shell Trans	35¾	35¾
Signal Co	29	29¾
Singer	25½	26½
Smithkline Beck	54¾	54¾
Sony	15	15¾
Sth Cal Edison	38½	38¾
Sperry Corp	38	38
Std Oil Califnia	37¾	38¾
Std Oil Indiana	56¾	55¾
Std Oil Ohio	47¾	47½
Sterling Drug	25¾	25¾
Stevens J. P.	19½	19½
Sun Comp	53¾	54¾
Teledyne	185¾	203½
Tenneco	42¾	42¾
Texaco	39	39¾
Texas East Corp	68	68½
Texas Inst	142½	143
Texas Utilities	23¾	23¾
Textron	28¾	28¾
TWA	23¾	23½
Travelers Corp	30¾	30¾
TRW Inc	62¾	62
UAL Inc	35¾	35½
Union Carbide	55	55
Union Oil Calif	37¾	38½
Un Pacific Corp	45¾	46¾
Uniroyal	12	12½
United Brands	16¾	17¾
US Industries	22¾	22¾
US Steel	28	28½
Utd Technol	65½	65¾
Wachovia	45¾	45¾
Warner Comms	21½	22
Warner Lambert	29¾	30
Wells Fargo	36¾	37¾
Westghse Elec	44¾	45
Weyerhauser	27¾	27½
Whirlpool	38	38¾
Woolworth	36¾	36
Xerox Corp	39¾	40
Zenith	28¾	28½

Canadian Prices

	May 14	May 11
Abitibi	26	26
Alcan Alumin	30½	30¾
Algoma Steel	23½	23¾
Bell Telephone	30½	31
Comineo	16½	16½
Cons Bathurst	29¾	28½
Gulf Oil	17¾	18¾
Hawker/Sid Can	17¾	17¾
Hudson Bay Mng	11½	11½
Imasco	38¾	38¾
Imperial Oil	38¾	38½
Int Pipe	28¾	28½
Mass-Fergsn	4	4
Royal Trustco	24¾	24½
Seagram	44	44¾
Steel Co	24½	24¾
Thomson N 'A'	35¾	35¾
Walker Hiram	23	23¾
WCT	14	14

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Tim Congdon counts the cost of US economic policy

Why Reagan should change horses on the road to ruin

Reaganomics, except when it stated the obvious, was a strange mixture of slogans and fantasies. The most familiar slogan was "supply-side economics" and the most publicized fantasy was that the US budget deficit could be reduced by tax cuts. Both were sold to the American neo-conservative right with a flair, enthusiasm and willingness to deceive which Madison Avenue has rarely equalled.

The consequences will trouble the American and world economies for years to come. President Reagan's tax cuts have led not to a lower, but to a much increased budget deficit. They have also created a tax system which, in the cause of higher investment, is very favourable to borrowing. The resulting excessive demand for *credit has driven real interest* rates to levels which, if they persist for a few more years, spell ruin for the public finances of both the US and Latin America.

When Professor Martin Feldstein resigned last week from the chairmanship of the Council of Economic Advisers, he signalled the intellectual bankruptcy of Reaganomics. Virtually the entire American economics profession, whatever position its members hold on the *Keynesian-monetarist* spectrum, has now distanced itself from the tax-cutting, supply-side element in the President's programme. Anxiety about the long-run effects of large budget deficits has become almost universal. President Reagan will have great difficulty finding a successor to Professor Feldstein who is of the same calibre or carries the same authority.

The main domestic worry about the budget deficit is that *it is adding to the* US national debt and the extra debt has to be serviced by increased interest payments. The higher interest bill in turn enlarges future deficits. The situation threatens to become explosive, with the *ratio of the* budget deficit to

> ❛The cycle of gloom, despondency and disintegration becomes self-reinforcing❜

national income rising indefinitely. At some point there will not be enough savings to finance the deficit and it will have to be monetized.

The accompanying table, taken from the 1984 *Economic Report of the President*, divides *the budget deficit into* structural and cyclical components. The cyclical element arises because the economy is not working at full capacity, but the structural element would remain whatever the buoyancy of business activity. It is instructive, and disturbing, to see that the projected structural deficit rises remorselessly until 1989.

The bond market is now demanding 13½ per cent yields to give protection against the *risk of currency debauchery*. The more bearish the mood in the bond market, the more immediate is the threat to financial control. For the higher the yield on bonds rises, the greater are the servicing costs on the US national debt and the worse the prospects for the budget deficit in coming years. The cycle of gloom, despondency and financial disintegration becomes self-reinforcing.

There are, moreover, unwelcome external repercussions of large budget deficits. High real interest rates can be afforded by American companies and individuals because they can deduct

CYCLICAL AND STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS OF THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL DEFICIT, FISCAL YEARS 1980-89
(Figures in $ billion)

Fiscal year	Total	Cyclical	Structural
Actual:			
1980	60	4	55
1981	58	19	39
1982	111	62	48
1983	195	95	101
Estimates (current services):			
1984	187	49	138
1985	208	44	163
1986	216	45	171
1987	220	34	187
1988	203	16	187
1989	193	–4	197

Source: *Budget of the United States Government Fiscal Year 1985* and Council of Economic Advisers.
Note: Based on Reagan Administration economic assumptions.

interest payments from their tax bills. But Latin American sovereign borrowers cannot make any such deductions. For them, the going interest rate is the interest rate they actually pay.

When US prime rates were raised by a further ½ per cent last week, Brazil sent an official note of protest to leading creditor nations. It was the first time that a Latin American government had felt justified in making a hostile comment on an internal US monetary policy *decision. Because Brazil's* debts are denominated in dollars, every rise in dollar interest rates postpones the restoration of a sound balance-of-payments position.

The American Government's concern over interest rates arises mostly from the domestic political unpopularity of dearer money, particularly in an election year. But the Latin American dimension is also relevant to foreign policy. *Economic problems* in Latin America tend to be accompanied by political instability and political instability creates openings for left-wing revolutionary movements.

The Reagan Administration's anxiety about these revolutionary movements may seem neurotic and exaggerated to Europeans. But it is important to remember that the US has a long, almost unguarded frontier with Mexico and that the *proportion of Hispanics in* America's total population is rising rapidly. One fear is that continuing unrest in Latin America will affect Mexico, provoking increased immigration into the US and *permanently* changing the population mix.

In this respect, the Fed's attitude towards interest rates has profound foreign policy implications. It cannot be viewed as purely a domestic matter. The higher US interest rates, rise the more unsettled the Latin American debtor nations became and so, eventually, the more serious is the threat to the US's internal social and demographic equilibrium. When, *earlier this year, the* Mexican Government topped up international credits to Argentina, it did so in recognition of the connexion between the debt crisis and the political relationship between the US and Latin America; when Brazil registered its complaint about the latest rise in prime rates it exploited the same issue.

It may seem strange that the Federal Reserve's monetary stance should be, at least *potentially, so much influenced* by the Latin American situation. At the end of 1983, banks in the US had $205 billion of claims on Latin American offset by about $140 billion of claims on them by Latin America. (These figures do not include claims of banks outside the US.) The net position is modest in relation to total assets of all US commerical banking ins*titutions of over $2,100 billion*. But to President Reagan's remaining advisers, the banking numbers are probably less critical than the geopolitical.

What can be done? Any form of debt forgiveness can be ruled out. If one country fails to meet its obligations and is not punished (through the sequestration of assets, suspension of trade credit and so on), all will consider reneging on their obligations. The US government, *the American banks and* the Federal Reserve want the letter of existing loan agreements to be strictly observed. Although European governments are reported to want some alleviation of the debtor's plight, they almost certainly agree with this part of the American position.

A two-tier interest rate structure, with lower rate for the Latin American countries than for domestic US borrowers, may seem to be the answer. It meets the central dilemma that the level of interest rates required to contain inflationary pressures in the US is also a level of interest rates rates that sooner or later will bankrupt Argentina and Brazil, and possibly Mexico as well. Unfortunately, banks are in business to make a profit. If there is a two-tier interest rate structure for borrowers, there must also be a two-tier interest rate structure for depositors. This is *just not feasible*.

The only practical long-run solution must be to remove the main causes of very high dollar interest rates: the budget deficit and a tax system that is too favourable to borrowers. The obvious changes are to modify the tax deductibility of interest payments and to reverse the special tax incentives for investment contained in the supply-siders' charter, the 1981 Economic Recovery Tax Act. Whether President Reagan has the courage to carry out such changes – and so admit that his tax "reforms" were wrong – is not certain. But it does seem clear that nothing will be done before the presidential election in November.

Professor Feldstein's resignation was important because it showed that one of the president's closest advisers had lost confidence in the Administration's determination to tackle the budget problem. In the very long run, the current disarray in American macroeconomic policy may prove beneficial because it will demonstrate that the "old time religion" of balanced budgets has a logical as well as an emotional basis. *But no one can tell how far off* that very long run may be.

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Cosalt cuts loss and resumes payout

Having cut its first-half loss, Cosalt, based at Grimsby, South Hunberside, is resuming the payment of interim dividends. In the half-year to February 28, 1984, Cosalt's pretax loss was reduced from £220,000 to £135,000. This was achieved on a turnover reduced from £18.59m to £17.56m, including exports down from £3.36m to £2.14m.

An interim dividend of 0.25p is being paid; for the previous year, when profits fell heavily, shareholders received only a final dividend of 0.25p. Cosalt's activities cover ships' chandlery, caravans, holiday homes, refrigeration and air-conditioning, finance and aviation.

● INTERVISION VIDEO: Board reports that 77.55 per cent of new ordinary shares issued by way of rights were taken up by shareholders; balance of 1.13 million shares has been sold in the market at a premium which will be distributed to those who did not take up their provisional allotments.

● UNITED SCIENTIFIC HOLDINGS: Half-year to March 31, 1984. Turnover £64.27m (£63.73m). Pretax profit £6.89m (£6.7m). Interim dividend 2p (same).

● HUNTER SAPHIR: Company reports its latest results, for year to Feb. 29, 1984, before its proposed introduction to the U S M later this month. Profits, before tax and extraordinary items, £1.52m (£1.09m). Turnover £63.24m (£59.28m). Total dividend, 9.55p a share.

● FORTNUM & MASON: Mr Garry Weston, chairman, reports in his annual statement that the group has budgeted for further gains in sales and profits this year and group's performances so far is in line with budget.

● AMOS HINTON & SONS: Year to March 3, 1984. Sales £125.65m (£112.87m). Pretax profit £1.91m (£2m). Total dividend 8p (same).

● JITRA RUBBER PLANTATIONS: Results for 15 months to Dec. 31, 1983, compared with previous year. Pretax profit £279,000 (£118,000). Dividend 0.62p (0.5).

● CHESTERFIELD *PROPERTIES*: Results for 1983. Net pretax income £5.6m (£5.1m). Total dividend 9.25p (8.25p). Group's investment properties revalued at £121.34m.

INVERGORDON DISTILLERS

Extracts from Chairman's Review

- Profits for the year of £3.6m (1982 £3.9m) were affected by the initial costs of the launch in the USA of the company's main brand Scots Grey. Without these costs profits would have been ahead of last year.
- Production levels of new fillings at the company's distilleries were affected by the low demand due to the re-assessment by the industry of future sales growth and the need to adjust stock levels.
- The company's sales of blended whiskies and single malts in bottle showed a modest increase over 1982 despite industry exports being 9% down. Production at Pentland Bond, the company's bottling plant was at a similar level to 1982.
- It is expected that the pattern of trading in 1984 will be similar to that of 1983. A final dividend of 2.5p is being recommended making a total of 4p for the year.

Copies of the accounts are available from The Secretary, Invergordon Distillers (Holdings) P.L.C., Ashley House, 181-195 West George St. Glasgow G2 2NL.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	8¾%
BCCI	9¼%
Citibank Savings †	9¾%
Consolidated Crds	9¼%
Continental Trust	8½%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9¼%
Nat Westminster	8½%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9¼%
Citibank NA	9¼%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 6½%; £50,000 and over, 7½%.

PIONEER MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the members of this COMPANY will be held at the BLUNDELLSANDS HOTEL, THE SERPENTINE, LIVERPOOL L23 6TN, on FRIDAY, 8th JUNE 1984 at 12.00 noon for the purpose of transacting the following business:

1. To receive the Statement of Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December 1983.
2. To re-elect a Director. The Director retiring by rotation is Mr. G. White who is eligible for re-election.
3. To re-appoint Arthur Young McClelland Moores & Co. as Auditors to the Company and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration.

DATED 16th May 1984
By order of the Board
D. BLEAZARD
Secretary

REGISTERED AND HEAD OFFICE:-
Pioneer House,
16 Crosby Road North,
Waterloo
Liverpool, L22 0NY

NOTES:
1. A member entitled to attend and vote may appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy must be a member of the Company.

GRAND METROPOLITAN

INTERIM REPORT 1984

The group's trading profit for the first half of the current year was £199.1 million compared with £171.4 million for the corresponding period of last year.

In the United Kingdom, the increased trading profit earned by Brewing reflected the continuing drive of recent years for greater efficiency, and the results of Consumer Services began to show the benefit of the reorganisation of the group's retailing activities a year ago. Foods, however, suffered a further setback, arising in the main from intense pressure on selling prices for cheese and other manufactured dairy products.

Almost every operating company in the United States increased its trading profit and the results of Consumer Products benefited on translation into sterling from the effect of the fall of some 8% in the average value of sterling against the US dollar compared with the first half of last year. In the International sector, the weakness of sterling against the US dollar also contributed to the significant advance in trading profit achieved by Wines and Spirits; and Hotels started to make headway after the organisational changes of the last two years.

The reduction in interest charges compared with the first half of the previous year was attributable to generally lower rates of interest.

Growth in the less seasonal overseas activities of the group continues to reduce the imbalance between the two halves of the year. Accordingly, the increase in profit before tax from £113.6 million to £147.0 million should be regarded as a reflection of satisfactory performance in the first half and not as an indication of a rate of growth to be expected for the remainder of the year.

GrandMet USA, Inc's negotiations with management and outside investors for the sale of the Liggett & Myers cigarette business are continuing.

The Board has decided to pay an interim dividend for the year ending 30th September, 1984 of 3.7p per share (1983 – 3.23p adjusted for the subsequent one for five capitalisation issue) on 1st October, 1984 to shareholders on the register on 24th August, 1984. The cost of the interim dividend will be £26.9 million (1983 – £23.3 million).

SG Grinstead *Chairman* — *15th May, 1984*

	Half year to 31st March (unaudited) 1984 £m	1983 £m	Year to 30th September 1983 £m
Turnover			
United Kingdom			
Brewing	317.6	291.7	651.4
Consumer Services	550.8	496.9	1,054.5
Foods	352.8	330.0	737.4
United States			
Consumer Products	571.9	377.7	864.4
International			
Hotels	153.4	134.1	301.4
Wines and Spirits	492.4	462.0	859.7
	2,438.9	2,092.4	4,468.8
Trading profit			
United Kingdom			
Brewing	30.2	26.9	73.0
Consumer Services	32.0	28.4	73.6
Foods	8.7	15.5	31.5
Oil and Gas	–	(1.5)	(1.3)
United States			
Consumer Products	60.4	43.7	98.4
International			
Hotels	8.7	6.4	27.3
Wines and Spirits	59.1	52.0	104.5
	199.1	171.4	407.0
Interest	(52.1)	(57.8)	(111.8)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	147.0	113.6	295.2
Taxation	(48.5)	(34.1)	(89.6)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	98.5	79.5	205.6
Minority shareholders' interests	(2.6)	(2.2)	(4.5)
Preference dividends	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.5)
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders before extraordinary items	95.7	77.1	200.6
Earnings per share	13.0p	10.7p	27.8p

NOTES
1 Profits and losses of overseas subsidiaries are translated into sterling at weighted average rates of exchange.
2 The charge for taxation is estimated on the basis that the rate of UK corporation tax will be 47.5% (1983 – 52%) and includes overseas taxation of £27.2 million (1983 – £21.2 million).
The proposed revisions to the rates of UK corporation tax and taxation allowances on capital expenditure will not give rise to any charge for deferred taxation in respect of the current year, nor should they call for a provision of a material amount to be made in respect of prior years.
3 It is estimated that the net effect of extraordinary items for the half year to 31st March, 1984 will be a credit of £10.7 million (1983 – a credit of £4.5 million). Currency translation differences other than those arising on the settlement of trading transactions, previously treated as extraordinary items, are now to be taken direct to reserves in accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 20.
4 Earnings per share have been adjusted to take account of the capitalisation issue of one ordinary share for every five shares held at the close of business on 27th January, 1984.
5 The figures for the year to 30th September, 1983 have been extracted from accounts which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies and contain an unqualified audit report.

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FOOTBALL: ENGLAND CALL-UP FOR HAZARD AND HUNT AFTER CROP OF INJURIES AND WITHDRAWALS

Robson surveys ruins of his squad as League marathon takes its toll

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Noone surely can now dispute that England's archaic League structure is ludicrously overloaded with fixtures. The evidence, as pointed out in Sir *Norman Chester's report*, is already powerfully convincing. It became even more substantial yesterday when Bobby Robson announced his squad for the internationals against Scotland on May 26 and the Soviet Union on June 2.

The list of withdrawals, as usual, is so long as to be laughable. Although serious *injuries, which have ruled* out Cowans, Devonshire and Butcher, are only to be expected, the absence of half a dozen *others can be directly attributed* to a club programme that is no longer the strongest in the world, merely physically the most demanding and the most competitive.

Mariner and Rix, for instance, have been ordered to rest their overworked limbs during the summer. Walsh was thought to be too exhausted and the surgeon's scalpel has cut Hoddle, Williams and Mabbutt out of consideration. Their complaints are all the inevitable product of playing when they were not fully fit.

It seemed only natural that, within minutes of publishing his list of 21 names, Robson should learn that one of them, Gregory, was preparing to see a specialist about a groin strain. "That's all I need to brighten my morning," he said. "There are so many players who are unavailable that it is almost too *complicated to think about it.*"

Gregory would be the seventh of his midfield probables alone to buckle under the unacceptable workload. That would be farcical enough, but the figure could go beyond a joke and reach 10. Bryan Robson, Wilkins and Moses, regarded by England's manager as *Gregory's replacement*, are all appearing for Manchester United in a friendly match this weekend – in Hongkong.

Nor are they the only internationals to be affected by club commitments. Kennedy and Lee, involved in Liverpool's attempt to regain the European Cup on May 30, will miss the games at Hampden Park and Wembley. Francis and Blissett, who will return to Italy for domestic cup ties, will miss the tour to South America.

To complete the sorry picture, Robson admits that he is taking a risk even with those he has included in the heavily *depleted party*. "*Martin, Wright* and Woodcock all have injury problems", he said, "and I have asked Butcher to join us for the tour but it *is* a very slender hope that he will be fit in time.

"I have decided against bringing in some of the younger possibilities like Dixon, Stainrod and Allen. But, like the players in the under-21 side in Spain such as Sterland, Thomas, Hodge and Stevens, they could yet be needed".

Robson's loss has been *Hunt's and Hazard's* gain. Readers may need reminding that Hunt played for West Bromwich Albion. Aged 27, he *came on as a substitute* for an England side against the London FA some three years ago and that should have remained the pinnacle of his realistic international expectations.

The emergence of Hazard, aged 24, is no less remarkable. He had to be weaned off a diet of chocolate and chips two months ago before he could claim a place even in Tottenham Hotspur's team. Now he may be picked against Scotland three days after appearing in the second leg of the UEFA Cup Final.

Lineker, belatedly called up for last month's match against Wales, is the only other uncapped member of the main squad. As well as Lee, Kennedy, Butcher and Walsh, Robson has summoned three newcomers – Watson, Callaghan and Hateley – to prepare for South America. So far, England's preparations for that frightening prospect could scarcely have been more absurd.

ENGLAND SQUAD (to play Scotland and Soviet Union): **P. Shilton** (Southampton), **C. Woods** (Norwich City), **M. Duxbury** (Manchester United), **K. Sansom** *(Arsenal), **D. Statham** (West Bromwich)*, **G. Roberts** (Tottenham), **A. Martin** (West Ham), **R. Wright** (Southampton), **T. Fenwick** (QPR), **B. Robson, R. Wilkins** (both Manchester United), **S. Hunt** (West Bromwich), ***M. Chamberlain** (Stoke* City), **T. Woodstock** (Arsenal), **J. Barnes** (Watford), **M. Hazard** (Tottenham), **J. Francis** (Sampdoria), **L. Blissett** (AC Milan), **G. Lineker** (Leicester), **D. Armstrong** (Southampton).

● Added to the squad for the three-match trip to South America are: **Lee** (Liverpool), **Keneddy** (Liverpool), **Butcher** (Ipswich Town), **Walsh** (Luton Town), **Hateley** (Portsmouth), **Watson** (Norwich City), **Callaghan** (Watford). Francis and Blisset are not available for the South America trip and the remaining squad of 26 will be reduced to 19 before party leaves on June 5.



Hazard: Days of chocolate and chips are gone

Feyenoord recruit two banned players

Rotterdam (AFP) – Feyenoord, *the newly crowned champions of* the Netherlands, have begun their recruitment for next season by signing two of the players involved *in the corruption scandel* with Standard Liège, the Belgian side.

Guy van der Smissen and Simon Tahamata were both banned from playing in the Belgian League for one year, following the discovery that Standard Liège had bribed their way to the Belgian first division title in 1983.

Van der Smissen is to be loaned to Feyenoord for the season, while Tahamata, a Dutch international winger, who was formally on the books of Ajax Amsterdam, signed a three-year contract.

Feyenoord have been hit by the decision of Johan Cruff, their captain, to retire. The club president, Gerard Kerkum, has indicated there will be further signings.

● Bruno Giordano, the Lazio forward, is back in the Italian squad named yesterday by the manager, Enzo Bearzot, for Italy's first match against West Germany since the two sides met in the 1982 World Cup Final (Reuter writes).

Italy won 3-1 in 1982 but since then they have had a dismal run, culminating in their elimination from the European championship last year.

Bearzot drops the Roma midfield player, Ubaldo Righetti, from the 19-man squad in favour of Giordano for the friendly in Zurich next Tuesday.

Guido Buchwald is in the West German squad. A strong utility player, Buchwald has had an impressive first season with the league leaders, Stuttgart. He is expected to bolster Germany's midfield, which has looked jaded of late.

The national trainer, Jupp *Derwall*, has recalled the promising young forward, Herbert Waas, who has had a three-month lay-off though injury. Derwall has also named the Spanish exiles, Bernd Schuster and Uli Stielike.

ITALIAN SQUAD: A Altobelli, S Bagni, F Baresi, S Battistini, G Bergomi, I Bordon, A *Cabrini*, F Collovati, B Conti, G Dossena, P Fanna, G Galli, C Gentile, B Giordano, P Rossi, A Sabato, G Scirea, M Tardelli, P Vierchowod. **GERMAN SQUAD:** Goalkeepers: D Burdenski, H Schumacher. Defenders: A Brehme, H-P Briegel, H-G Bruns, B Foerster, K-H Foerster, M Herget, J Otten, *U Stielike. Midfield:* R Bommer, G Buchwald, L Matthaeus, N Meier, W Rolff, B Schuster. Forwards: K Allofs, P Littbarski, J Milewski, K-H Rummenigge, R Voeller, H Waas.

● Sepp Piontek, the Denmark coach, ended an anxious wait when his far-flung team finally assembled here on Monday night for today's friendly against Czechoslovakia. The match is Denmark's last fixture before they leave for France to launch the European Championship finals with a match in Paris on June 12 against the host nation (Reuter writes).

The arrival of the Anderlecht *defender Morten Olsen should give* the Danish defence a much-needed boost after their recent defeats by the Netherlands and Spain. The Dutch beat them 6-0.

RUGBY UNION

England avoid rain but head for the eye of a storm

From David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, Cape Town

It is as well for England that when they touch down this morning on the first leg of their South African tour, they are not arriving in Cape Town. The peninsula has been living up to its designation as the Cape of Storms rather than that of Good Hope: heavy rain and flooding in the suburbs has been the norm over the past two days.

If the weather has been more settled in Durban, where the team open the tour on Saturday against a Currie Cup B *selection, the political* climate has not since the Natal capital was subject to terrorist attacks over the weekend. Natal's *rugby also received* a jolt on Saturday in their defeat by 29–19 in the Lion Cup at home to Eastern Province, and only four of their *players* appear in the selection which plays England.

That quartet does not include Wynand Claassen, South Africa's last captain in official internationals, which leaves a vacancy at No 8 in the national side. A leading candidate to fill the gap is Mallett, of Western Province, who won a Blue for Oxford *University in 1979* and would have captained Oxford in the university match the following year but for illness.

Mallett is one of 17 Western Province players in a party of 36 invited to take part in the South African trial at Port Elizabeth next Monday, a representation which is still not large enough to prevent complaints that the promising Markgraaff should have been included. Markgraaff and the international Bekker have been locking the Province scrum at the expense of De Villiers Visser, captain in 1981, and Burger, a junior Springbok.

If, however, you happen to come from the north of the country, the chances are that it is not the omission of Markgraaff that will worry you but that of Malan, the Northern Transvaal lock, who played well against the Rest of South Africa in a trial match earlier this month. *The* intense degree of rivalry between rugby followers of the veld and those on the coast remain.

Western Province, England's opponents in the third tour match on May 26, have restored Serfontein as scrum half and captain in their opening Currie Cup match against Orange Free State at Bloemfontein this Saturday and it is reasonable to assume that their selectors would wish to make as few changes as possible before playing England.

Serfontein indicated his fitness after a knee injury during training at Newlands on Monday evening which was as hard as any I have seen. The practice was introduced three years ago by Dawie Snyman, the WP coach, of exceptionally physical opposed sessions called here a 'Koppestamp'. The literal translation from the Afrikaans is 'headstamp'. *In practical terms* it means a degree of commitment in tight and loose play and in tackling, not always associated with European training at club or international level. It was initiated, as so much in South African rugby has been, by Danie Craven at Stellenbosch *University* seven years ago on the principle that you practise the way you play.

One of the most impressive *aspects of the training evening was* how little the ball was kicked by the backs: I can recall three occasions, both little chips through to the wings, which compared very favourably with memories of England training during the winter. The attitude of Snyman, capped 10 times by his country in the mid-Seventies as a back and now in his third season as provincial coach, is simply that if backs are going to use the ball properly, they must learn – literally – to handle it.

Markgraaff and Louw, the Springbok flanker who captained the World XV which played Wales last month, missed training because of influenza but both are picked to play against the Free State. The most likely changes for the Province side to play England concern the Du Plessis brothers – Michael, a stand-off or centre and Carel a left wing – and John Villet, also a centre. All are trialists next Monday but are either unfit or *unavailable* this weekend.

Jacobs secure in his belief

Ron Jacobs, the England tour manager, denied before the 26-strong party flew out from Heathrow for South Africa yesterday that a security blanket had been thrown around the players.

Yet a press conference at Twickenham seemed to contradict the manager's view.

***Press and television* crews were directed into the RFU committee area by steel crowd-control barriers but Jacobs insisted: "There is no security blanket and it is quite normal to lock the Twickenham gates. We just don't leave them open. The team has been staying at our hotel, as usual, and some of them visited a local pub for a drink last night."**

Moses ruled out of decisive last game

Remi Moses misses Manchester United's last match of the season *tonight as they attempt to secure the* first division runners-up spot. Moses has an ankle ligament injury and his place for the trip to Nottingham Forest goes either to Clayton Blackmore, a Welsh youth international who has yet to play for the first team, or to Alan Davies.

United have the same number of points as Southampton, who play their final fixture at Notts County tomorrow, but their superior goal difference should mean that a win at Forest will clinch second place.

A defeat for United by two goals could push them down to fourth place if Southampton win or draw at Meadow Lane. Forest would finish third if Southampton win or draw but second if they lose.

Stapleton has recovered from a *calf strain and will play.*

Meanwhile United have signed Peter Barnes, the former England winger, on a month's loan from Leeds United.

Barnes, who won the last of his 22 caps two years ago, joins up with Ron Atkinson, the United manager, for the second time after spending most of this season in the Leeds reserve team.

Atkinson, who bought Barnes from Manchester City in 1979, when he was manager of West Bromwich Albion, will take him on United's post-season tour of the Far East and Australia.

The Yugoslav international Zoran Simovic could be Forest's *next goalkeeper in succession to* Hans van Breukelen, who will play his last game for the club against United.

Simovic, who is 29, of Hajduk Split, will be watched in a Yugoslav League match today by the Forest chief scout, Alan Hill, and two *members of the coaching staff.*

Five of the season's most important fixtures will be televised live by ITV in the next month. After the FA Cup Final between Watford and Everton on Saturday, ITV will screen the second leg of Tottenham's UEFA Cup Final against *Anderlecht on May 23, the British* Championship match between Scotland and England on May 26, the European Cup Final in Rome *between Roma and Liverpool* on May 30, and the second half of England's international match against Brazil in Rio de Janeiro on June 10.

Nicholas called up

Peter *Nicholas, the Crystal* Palace midfield player, has been called into the Welsh squad for the British Championship match against Northern Ireland at Swansea next Tuesday. He replaces Alan Curtis of Southampton, who is injured.

Porto capable of causing upset

(AFP) – Juventus and FC Porto may both be appearing in the European Cup Winners' Cup final for the first time when they run on to the pitch in Basle tonight but both are old hands in European *competition and neither is likely* to give any quarter.

In many ways, it promises to be an intriguing final, certainly of *contrasting styles, but it is far from* certain that Juventus's galaxy of stars will be carrying the cup back across the Swiss border to Turin. For Porto, who have played in one of the three European competitions every year since the 1956/57 season, have proved time and again this year that they have the character, ability and confidence to win Portugal's first European honour since Sporting Lisbon won this same competition in 1964.

In defeating Rangers and Shaktor Donetsk of the Soviet Union, they showed spirit, thought was beyond them. But in the semi-final against last year's winners, Aberdeen, they underlined that they have the ability to upset the *most resilient of sides*, and Juventus have looked far from that this season.

Porto, having taken a narrow 1-0 *advantage in the home leg*, were considered in grave danger of succumbing to the rugged Scots but then held out in Aberdeen before scoring a *memorable* winner through their reserve winger Silva to book a deserved place in the final.

Juventus, however, have the advantage of having played in European finals before, winning the UEFA Cup in 1977, and finishing on the losing side in the European Cup in 1973 and again last season, they also ended up as losers on the old Fairs Cup competition in 1965 *and again in 1971*.

On currentform, Porto, runners-up in Portugal to Benefica, are clearly in confident mood, winning their last league game of the season 8–0 on Sunday against the relegated Estoril, while Juventus, the Italian champions, surprisingly slumped 2–1 away to Genoa, who had also just been demoted.

Juventus, though, on paper, are one of Europe's most exciting sides, although their football frequently fails to live up to the not inconsiderable collective reputation

JUVENTUS: Tacconi, Gentile, Scirea, Brio, Cabrini, Bonini, Tardelli, Platini, Vignola, Rossi, Boniek. Subs: Penzo, Bodini, Caricola, Furino, Prandelli.

PORTO: Ze Beto, Pinto, Eurico, Luis, Pereira, Magalhaes, Sousa, Pacheco, Frasco, Gomes, Vermelhinho Subs: Barradas, Inacio, Quinito, Walsh, Costa.

Portsmouth release seven players

Steve Aizlewood, a central defender, is one of seven players given free transferes by Portsmouth, who are without a manager. Aizlewood played for Wales Under-23 before joining Portsmouth four years ago from Swindon Town for £45,000.

Also released are McLaughlin, Ellis and Howe, who played regularly in the team which won the *third division championship* last season. Three young players, Berry, Inch and Brown, make up Portsmouth's biggest clearout for several years.

● John Hore, the manager of Plymouth, the FA Cup semi-finalists, has agreed to sign a two-year contract which has been on offer for the last month. Had the club been regulated to the fourth division this seaon, Hore would have resigned.

● Keith Peacock, the Gillingham manager has agreed to accept a three-year contract with the club. The former Charlton player took over at Gillingham three years ago. *This season they finished eighth in* the third division.

● Wolverhampton Wanderers' failure to honour players' bonuses *could cost them up to £100,000.* Wolves owe at least six of their playing staff a total of more than £15,000, some of it dating back to a year ago when they won promotion *from the second division*, and the League have blocked payment of certain paying levies to the club.

A League spokesman said: "We have indicated to the club we are withholding certain money owed to them from the general pool allocated to clubs until the matter is resolved.

"Over the season all clubs receive around £100,000 from us in levies, made up from television payments, sponsorship and gates."

Monday's results

FIRST DIVISION: West Bromwich Albion 0, Southampton 2; West Ham United 0, Everton 1. **THIRD DIVISION:** Port Vale 1, Millwall 0. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS' CUP:** Southern Semi-final: Bournemouth 1, Bristol Rovers 0 (Bournemouth play Plymouth or Millwall in Southern final). **SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION:** Dundee United 1, Rangers 2. **FOOTBALL COMBINATION:** Arsenal 3, Charlton 0; Watford 2, Chelsea 0. *CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division:* Manchester United 2, Everton 2; Nottingham Forest 3, Burnley 1; Stoke 3, Sunderland 0. Second division: Barnsley 4, Chesterfield 0; Coventry 8, Middlesbrough 0; Wolves 1, Huddersfield 2. **SOUTH EAST COUNTRIES LEAGUE:** First division: Queen's Park Rangers 3, Southend 0. **TESTIMONIAL MATCHES:** (for Eddie Lyons): Brentford 3, Chelsea 6; (for Gary Williams): Brighton 3, Crystal Palace 1; (for Steve Hetzke): Reading 3, Oxford 1.

Scotland's acid test

From Iain Mackenzie Constanta

Scotland go into the second match of their three-game tour of Romania here today knowing they will have to improve greatly on their dull performance on Sunday, when they beat Bucharest by two penalty goals to one. Their coach, Colin Tefler, put his squad through a hard training session on Monday and again yesterday, trying to acclimatize to the humid conditions. At least the ground is soft. Scotland, the five nations champions, were concerned there would be a rock-hard surface, but rain has removed that threat.

It is just as well. We are told that rugby in this part of Romania is stronger than in Bucharest, and the south-east Romanian team Scotland meets today includes about half of those who will turn out for the national side on Sunday.

Scotland retain only five of those who played against Bucharest, Peter Dods at full back, David Johnston in the centre, the Hawick back, Alister Campbell, John Beattie at No 8, and Jim Aitken, the captain, who switches to tight-head prop.

Surprisingly Roy Laidlaw will play. It had been assumed that because of the injury he suffered a week before the side left that he would be rested until his international.

SCOTLAND: P Dods (Gala); P Steven (Ayr), D Johnston (Watsonians), J Renwick (Hawick), *K Robertson (Melrose); D Wyllie (Stewart's-*Melville FP); R Laidlaw (Jed-Forest); G Mackenzie (Highland), R Cunningham (Bath), J Aitken (Gala, captain), A Campbell, A Tomes, S McGaughey (all Hawick), F Calder (Stewart's-Melville FP), J Beattie (Glasgow Academicals).

Replacements: N Rowan (Boroughmuir, G Callander (Kelso), T Smith (Gala), G Hunter, J Rutherford (both Selkirk), J Pollock (Goforth). Referee: M Rea (Ireland).

AMERICA'S CUP

Australia III hide from prying eyes

Perth, Western Australia (AFP) – The defending Australia III syndicate have moved their team from Success Harbour, Fremantle, because Dennis Conner's San Diego Yacht Club, their main challengers for the trophy, have been offered a site in the same harbour.

Warren Jones, the Australia III executive director, said: "We have *always wanted to campaign in* privacy and when we learned that the San Diego Club had been offered a location so close, it became untenable to us."

He added that his syndicate had spent six months negotiating with Fremantle Sailing Club for exclusive rights in Success Harbour, and that there was no alternative but to move. "As the defenders, we attract a great deal of interest and if we do not get privacy, our efforts are *diluted.*"

The Australia III syndicate will now operate two yachts from a dock in Freemantle fishing boat harbour. As it is, Conner has not taken up the Fremantle Club's offer of a berth in Success Harbour.

HANDBALL

Liverpool await minnows in British Cup

By Paul Harrison

Liverpool, the holders, are through to the final of the British Cup in Bristol on June 9. Their 28-13 defeat of Leicester '73 at the weekend was easy enough and they will meet either MK Carlsberg, the Midlands League champions, or Tryst '77 from Scotland, who meet next Sunday.

The *British* Cup is now being sponsored by Onsy Nathan, an Egyptian-born businessman and former handball player. For the first time the final will feature a side from outside the English National League: both Carlsberg and Tryst are "minnows".

Carlsberg won the English National Trophy at the weekend, beating the University of Essex 26-20 in the second leg at Milton Keynes. That was the same score as in the first leg, when the cosmopolitan university side made Carlsberg struggle all the way in Essex.

BRITISH CUP

BRITISH CUP: semi-final: Leicester '73 13 Liverpool 28. National Trophy: final second leg: Carlsberg MK'80 26, University of Essex 20. (Carlsberg win 52-40 on aggr). British under-19 championship: quarter-final: Salford 14, Halewood Town 15. British under-15 championship quarter-final: Salford 17, Campion High School. Liverpool 10. British Women's Cup: semi-final: Strathclyde Satellites 11, Halewood Forum 15. Women's *National League: Birkenhead Liverbirds* 5, Salford Ladies 27; Salford Ladies 16, Birkenhead Liverbirds 7.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Noble captain for tour opener

Darwin (Reuter) – Brian Noble *captains* Britain in the opening match of their six-week Australian rugby league tour against Northern Territory here on Friday.

Noble will play hooker and assume goal-kicking duties in front of his Bradford Northern teammate, full back Keith Mumby. The Coach, Frank Myler, has rested *all* those who played in the recent challenge cup and premiership finals.

The tourists arrived in Darwin early yesterday and have already had two training sessions in the tropical heat after their 25-hour flight from England. The Northern Territory should be easy pickings for the tourists in the first of 15 matches, which include three tests.

TEAM: K Mumby, D Drummond, R Duane, E Hanley, D Foy, S Donlan, R Ashton, H Pinner, D Hobbs, M Worrall, A Goodway, B Noble (captain), K Rayne.

FOR THE RECORD

HOCKEY

CRYSTAL PALACE: Women's Indoor Championships Finals: Clubs: Section One: Liverpool 3 Chelmsford 3. Ealing 3. Gloucester 1. Liverpool 2. Sutton 1. Chelmsford 1. Ealing 2. Gloucester 1. Sutton 4. Section Two: Hightown 1. Ipswich 0; Slough 2 Clifton 1 Hightown 1. Leicester Ladies 3. Ipswich 1. Slough 2. Counties: Semi-finals: Leicestershire 2. Lancashire 2 (Leics won on penalty strokes), *Essex 3, Avon 3 (Essex won on penalty strokes).* Final: Essex 4. Leicestershire 2.

CRICKET

TAUNTON: Warwick Pool Under-25 county *competition:* Warwickshire 261 for 1 (Asif Din 156 not out, C Norris 83 not out), Somerset 200 for 7 (J G Wyatt 52). Warwickshire won by 61 runs.

RACKETS

SANDHURST: Sandhurst Cup, open doubles, semi-final round: Capt G de Lotbiniere and H Akerman bt C Rome and A Lewis 15-12, 15-1, 15-9; K Lewis and A Chippindall bt J Feneley and R Beazley 15-8, 15-11, 15-3. Final: de Lotbiniere and Akerman bt Lewis and Chippindall 15-9, 18-13, 15-4.

GOLF

PGA TOUR EARNINGS: 1, T Watson $318,468; 2, F Couples $259,953; 3, B Crenshaw $226,014; 4, D Edwards $222,925; 5, G Koch $217,978; 6, A Bean $217,419; 7, B Lietzke $207,000; 8, C Stadler $204,472; 9, T Kite $202,096; 10, J Renner $191,589. British placings: 14, N Faldo $150,771; 81, P Oosterhuis $32,815; 119, A Lyle $15,532. **LPGA TOUR EARNINGS:** 1, P Bradley $109,100; 2, B *King* $102,875; 3, J *Inkster* $77,954; 4, P Sheehan $73,052; 5, A Miller $69,132; 6, A Alcott $59,519; 7, A Okamoto (Japan) $57,664; 8, C Johnson $57,262; 9, N Lopez $57,076; 10, S Barrett $48,216.

TENNIS

MUNICH: Bavarian open championship: First round: J Frawley (Aus) bt E Jelen 6-3, 6-1; W Fibak (Pol) bt A Fillol (Chile) 6-4, 6-4; E Fromm (US) bt A Stepanek (W G) 6-1, 1-6, 6-2; G Urpi (Sp) bt A Tous (sp) 6-3, 6-2.

WTA RANKINGS: 1, M Navratilova; 2, C Lloyd; 3, H Mandlikova (Cz); 4, P Shriver; 5, A Jaeger; 6, K Jordon; 7, Z Garrison; 8, J Durie (GB); 9, W *Turnbull (Aus)*; 10, B Gadusek.

BANSA president

Emlyn Jones, the former director general of the Sports Council, was yesterday elected president of the British Association of National Sports Administrators (BANSA). David Oxley, the secretary of the Rugby Football League, was elected chairman.

Grand champions

York City, the fourth division champions, are £1,000 richer as a reslut of the Football League and their sponsors, Canon, marking the club's achievement on becoming the first to reach 100 points in a season since three *points* for a win were introducted three seasons ago.

Goal achieved

Bob Beardmore, who kicked three goals for Castleford in the Slalom Lager rugby league premiership final last Saturday, brought his season's total to 142 to finish joint top kicker with Warrington's Steve Hesford.

Olympic debut

Djibouti (Reuter) – The small republic of Djibouti will compete in the Olympics for the first time this year, sending three long distance runners to Los Angeles in Ahmed Salch, winner of last Saturday's Paris marathon, Robleh Djama, who came third in Paris, and Addillahi Charmarke.

MONDAY'S EVENING RACING

Hexham

6.0 (2m Hdle) 1, **Ellen Greaves** J J O'Neill, 7-4), 2, Willie's Gig (25-1); 3, Marsha Track (1-2 fav) 1½l, ¾l, 6 ran. NR: Fernie Slack. R F Fisher Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £3.40. DF: £7.00. CSF: £29.18.

6.30 (2m hdle) **Vitingo** (C Hawkins, 15-8); 2, Chestnut Pala (2-1), 3, Repitch (33-1). 10l, 7l. 4 ran. NR: Waldron Hill. D Yeoman. Tote: £2.80. DF: £2.30 CSF: £5.47.

7.0 (2m 4f chase) 1, **Master Blaster** (D Dutton, 4-1); 2, Don't Wait (2-1 fav); 3, Green Menelek (6-1). 15l, 15l. 5 ran. G R Harman. Tote: £6.80: £1.50; £3.90. DF: £6.70. CSF: £11.65. 7.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **Secret Finale** (P A Charlton, 4-9 fav); 2, Raby (2-1), 1½l. 2 ran. NR: Ryecroft and Middlestone Queen. M J Lambert. Win: £1.30.

8.0 (3m chase) 1, **Don't Fall** (Mr P J Dun, 6-4 fav); 2, Bobby Brown (7-4); 3, Grey Morley (20-1), 2l, 25l. 6 ran. W A Stephenson. Tote: £2.80; £1.50; £1.30. DF: £3.20. CSF: £4.29.

8.30 (2m hdle) 1, **Major Rock** (M Barnes, 3-1); 2, *Ragabury* (evens fav); 3, *Senor Magnifico* (9-2). Neck, 5l. 5 ran. T A Barnes. Tote: £3.40; £1.00 £1.40. DF: £2.20. CSF: £6.25. Placepot: £5.85.

Windsor

6.20 (5f) 1, **Master Crofter** (T Ives, 10-11 fav); 2, Odd Man Out (3-1); 3, Tachyon Park (33-1). ½l, 1½l. 14 ran. NR: Cranmore. W O'Gorman. Tote: £1.70: £1.10, £1.80, £2.80. DF: £2.70. CSF: £4.33.

6.45 (1m 2f) 1, **Worlingworth Waltz** (P Bloomfield, 14-1); 2, Full Brigade (10-1); 3, Royal Revenge (10-1). Scottoche 9-2 fav. Kaukas (11-2) 4th. 2l, 2l. 19 ran. B Stevens. Tote: £31.50; £4.80, £2.40, £4.50, £1.50. CSF: £156.15. TRICAST: £1,363.91.

7.10 (1m 3f) 1, **Stonehenge** (T Williams, 15-2); 2, Steal A Glance (8-1); 3, Royal Valeur (7-1 jt fav). Blondell, 7-1 jt fav. Sir Blessed (12-1) 4th. ½l, 2l, 20 ran. J Jenkins. Tote: £9.10; £1.60, £2.20, £2.40, £2.70. DF: £55.70. CSF: £77.72. TRICAST: £429.73.

7.40 (5f) 1, **Sorayah** (A Murray, 11-4); 2, Hi-Tech Girl (9-2); 3, Adelphal (9-2). Phamond 13-8 fav. sh hd, 1½l. 15 ran. NR: Cronk's Image. H *Thomson Jones*. Tote: £3.40; £1.90, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £10.50. CSF: £17.84.

8.10 (6f) 1, **Lily Bank** (A McGlone, 7-1); 2, Rare Gal (12-1); 3, Nazeeh (6-1 fav). Nephrite (8-1) 4th. 1l, 2l. 19 ran. R Hannon. Tte: £4.70; *£2.00, £2.50, £1.80*, £2.30. DF: £54.30. CSF: £92.72. Tricast: £505.27.

8.40 (1m 2f) 1, **Braks** (L Piggott, 9-2); 2, Young Nicholas (3-1); 3, Crazy (10-11). 1l, ¾l. 23 ran. NR: Mythical Boy and Lector. H Cecil: Tote: £4.50; £1.80, £1.10, £1.30. DF: £4.50. CSF: £20.48. Placepot: £13.90.

● The Epsom permit holder Walter King, whose involvement in racing goes back 57 years, finally had the pleasure of saddling his first-ever winner when Polar *Express* won the Ted Long Challenge Cup Hanidicap Chase at Folkestone yesterday.

GYMNASTICS

Soviet decision may work in Britain's favour

By Peter Aykroyd

The withdrawal of the Soviet Union and several Eastern Bloc nations from the Olympic Games has increased the possibility that Britain will now be eligible to send a full complement of gymnasts – six men and six women – to Los Angeles.

As matters stood before the Soviet declaration, Britain, with a world ranking of seventeenth in both the men's and the women's *competitions, was outside the elite* 12 leading countries entitled to field a full gymnastics team. The British contingent would have consisted of two men and two women who would have been picked after trials taking place over the next month.

The British Amateur Gymnastics Association will now grade the country's best gymnasts following the trials, allowing for the Olympic selection of up to six men and six women, according to Britain's final gymnastics position once the Eastern bloc withdrawal is complete.

The only drawback to increasing the *British* representation would have been one of costs. Happily Mick Jagger, of the Rolling Stones, has already donated £32,000 to the *British Olympic Association* in the United States specifically for underwriting the cost of ferrying British gymnasts to Los Angeles and *this sum is considered to be ample* for a full team.

TENNIS

Kriek defends Bristol title

Gianni Ocleppo, of Italy, who did much to end Britain's David Cup hopes, is among the entries *for the* West of England championships at Bristol from June 18 to 23.

In the last grand prix event before Wimbledon, Johan Kriek, of South Africa, defends his singles title, which this year is worth £12,000 to the winner. There are no British players among the direct acceptances. Only Colin Dowdeswell and John Lloyd are ranked high enough in the world to get in but neither has entered, although four wild cards are still on offer.

APT RANKINGS: 1, J McEnroe; 2, I Lendl (Cz); 3, J Connors; 4, M Wilander (Swe); 5, J Arias, 6, Y Noah (Fr); 7, A Gomez (Ec) 8, J Higueras (Sp); 9, E Teltscher; 10, K Curren (SA).

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HOCKEY

Britain ready to fill Soviet Union's place

By Sydney Friskin

England matches against the Netherlands at Maastricht on June 30 and Amsterdam on July 1 will be given over to the British squad if *Britain* are invited to play in the Olympic tournament, the Hockey Assocition announced yesterday. Similarly England's training weekend from June 22-24 *would also* be converted to the British cause.

If the Soviet Union do not reverse their decision to withdraw from the Olympics their place in group B will be filled by Britain as first stand-by and the official invitation could be expected early next month.

By filling the vacancy as sixth seed for the tournament Britain will be opposed in group B by the Netherlands, Pakistan, New Zealand, Canada *and Kenya. Australia* the top seed, West Germany, India, Spain, Malaysia and the United States make up group A.

So far only the *Netherlands* have accepted the Hockey Association's invitation to play in the international tournament at Willesden on October 20 and 21. There has been no word from Spain or the Soviet Union and the position is further complicated by the possibility of the FIH not being able to provide a technical delegate for the event.

The Sports Council have offered £40,000 towards the running of the 1986 World Cup tournament in London.

The competitions' committee confirmed *yesterday that the result* of the Services championship, won last March by the Army, would stand, and that those who played for Services teams *in the season* just ended will be cup-tied for next season. This clarifies the position of Nick Gordon, who played for Yorkshire and the Army.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

First division

Nottingham Forest v Manchester United (7.30)

MID-WEEK LEAGUE CUP: Portsmouth v Northampton (2.0); Southend v Bournemouth (2.0).

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Millwall v Charlton (5.0). Second division Cup Final: Second leg: West Ham v Wimbledon.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: West Brom. v Sheffield United (6.30). Second division: Barnsley v Manchester City (7.0); Wigan v Notts County (7.0).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Swindon v Arsenal (7.0); Watford v Brighton (2.0).

CRICKET

Willis is back in trim with a close shave for Warwickshire

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire beat Yorkshire by seven runs.

Yorkshire were involved in another exciting finish yesterday, this time in the Benson and Hedges against Warwickshire. Needing 255 to win they were 172 for five with only ten overs left, a seemingly hopeless cause, especially with Sidebottom and Stevenson, two of their best late strikers, missing. Hartley, however, with some help from the tail got them gallantly close.

The match marked the return of Willis, playing for the first time since the one-day international in Lahore on March 9, and it was he, by conceding only two runs in the last over of the day, who sealed Yorkshire's fate.

He has had his hair close cropped, which is a great improvement, and especially in his first spell he bowled admirably. Only he and, occasionally, Ferreira, got anything at all in the way of bounce out of a typically low Edgbaston pitch.

Even in the opening overs of the day the ball was bearly reaching Bairstow, standing back. But this, of course, made line and length all the more important, and Willis found his at once.

In his first seven overs he took the wicket of Boycott, nicely caught low down at first slip, and conceded only two singles. On this form there can be no question of his missing the one-day series against West Indies, due to start in a fortnight.

From being 95 for four after 30 overs, with Kallicharran and Amiss both out, Warwickshire had done well to make 254. Kallicharran's first scoring stroke, a four to square leg, was sheer magic, and Amiss had looked in prime form. But one was leg before, the other very well caught off a full toss on the mid wicket boundary.

Yorkshire had three boundary catches, to Boycott, Hartley and Carrick, and they were all beautifully taken. Their fielding, in fact, was conspicuously keen with Bairstow barking at them to turn twos into ones as though we were at Caterham, not Edgbaston.

If Amiss had first got the Warwickshire innings moving, Old helped to give it its impetus with a rapid 33. Sent in early, when the spinners were bowling, he responded by hitting two sixes and four fours in the last ten of his 16 balls.

Even so, Swallow looking nowt but a Barnsley boy, seemed a real cricketer to me. He bowled his off breaks quite knowingly and in the field he went to meet the ball as if it was second nature to him.

Lloyd made 70 in 51 overs, Ferreira 71 in 18, and Warwickshire owed as much to one as to the other. Lloyd held the innings together and Ferreira gave it substance.

In the 15 overs which they had left after lunch Warwickshire scored 105 runs, Ferreira making 70 of them.

Yorkshire, in reply, were held up to start with by Willis. After 10 overs they were 15 for one. Sharp scored his first run off his 21st ball. He and Moxon were content simply to keep Willis out.

Things began to look up for Yorkshire when Sharp drove successive balls from Old through the covers for four. By the time Gifford started the 30th over, Warwickshire saw the match slipping away.

Moxon was playing splendidly by then; Sharp, less sedately but almost as well. Yorshire wre 106 for one. Yet after 41 overs they were 130 for five. Gifford and Ferreira wrought the transformation Only three runs came in the last six overs before tea. In the quarter of an hour afterwards Yorkshire allowed panic to set in. Hartley's swashbuckling effort followed but Warwickshire's bowling was not as accommodating now as Yorkshire's had been earlier.

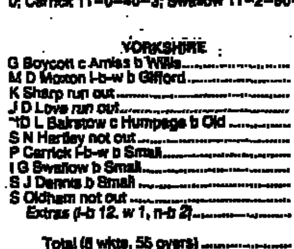
WARWICKSHIRE

T A Lloyd b Dennis	70
K D Smith b Oldham	1
A I Kallicharran l-b-w b Oldham	6
D L Amiss c Boycott b Carrick	38
†G W Humpage c Bairstow b Carrick	10
C M Old c Hartley b Carrick	33
Asif Din c and b Swallow	1
A M Ferreira c Carrick b Oldham	71
G C Small b Fletcher	1
N Gifford run out	8
*R G D Willis not out	0
Extras (b 1, l-b 9, w 3, n-b 2)	15
Total (55 overs)	254

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-14, 3-81, 4-95, 5-135, 6-143, 7-219, 8-229, 9-253, 10-254.

BOWLING: Dennis 11-4-43-1; Oldham 9-3-29-3; Fletcher 10-0-55-1; Hartley 3-0-22-0; Carrick 11-0-40-3; Swallow 11-2-60-1.

YORKSHIRE



G Boycott c Amiss b Willis	5
M D Moxon l-b-w b Gifford	58
K Sharp run out	57
J D Love run out	1
*†D L Bairstow c Humpage b Old	6
S N Hartley not out	65
P Carrick l-b-w b Small	24
I G Swallow b Small	5
S J Dennis b Small	10
S Oldham not out	1
Extras (l-b 12, w 1, n-b 2)	15
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	247

S D Fletcher did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-110, 3-119, 4-127, 5-131, 6-191, 7-213, 8-242.

BOWLING: Willis 11-5-24-1; Small 11-1-64-3; Old 11-1-40-1; Gifford 11-0-56-1; Ferreira 11-1-56-0.

Umpires: C Cook and B J Meyer.



Ferreira: quick 71

Nottinghamshire batsmen restore self-respect

By Peter Ball

DERBY: Nottinghamshire (2pts) beat Derbyshire by 59 runs.

After their surprising collapse against Lancashire on Saturday, Nottinghamshire's batsmen lost no time in restoring their self-respect. A century by Chris Broad, his first in one-day cricket, took them to 282, and the total proved beyond Derbyshire's powers, in spite of a valiant attempt by Alan Hill.

Without Mortensen, Derbyshire's attack on an easy-paced wicket could hardly be described as penetrative, but Finney and Newman found enough swing to be treated cautiously in the opening overs. Miller and Moir also rarely caused problems as their *line* strayed, but with the aid of some keen fielding, Barnett in particular distinguishing himself, they too, kept the run rate within bounds until beyond the halfway mark.

The arrival of the looser offerings of Fowler and Roberts was at last the signal for an acceleration, but it also occasioned the end of the opening partnership at 148. Robinson, who had previously been the quieter partner, overtook Broad with a flurry of fours but then mistimed his drive to be well held at mid wicket.

Any Derbyshire hopes that *his* departure signifield a breakthrough were immediately dispelled as Rice joined Broad in a stand of 74 in 11 overs.

Hadlee went quickly, but Birch was a belligerent replacement and Broad moved steadily to his century, containing just four fours, in the forty-eighth over. Notts had already *surpassed* their previous highest score in the competition, 269 against the same opponents in 1980, when Broad's stay at last ended in the final over.

Barnett and Wright opened more briskly than their Nottinghamshire counterparts.

Cooper made the important breakthrough as he returned for his second spell, bowling Wright as he played over a ball of good length and then finding the edge of Hampshire's bat.

Hill, unrecognizable from the stolid three-day player, and Miller steadied things until tea when Derbyshire's progress was still ahead of their opponents at an equivalent stage. But, as if Derbyshire had not seen enough of him, Broad was the man to begin the slide as Miller aimed to hit him over the top but missed.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad c Taylor b Newman	122
R T Robinson c Roberts b Fowler	71
*C E B Rice c Finney b Roberts	34
R J Hadlee c Barnett b Roberts	2
J D Birch not out	30
D W Randall not out	1
Extras (b 1, l-b 9, w 10, n-b 2)	22
Total (4 wkts, 55 overs)	282

B Hassan, †B N French, E E Hemmings, K Saxelby and K E Cooper did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-148, 2-222, 3-229, 4-278.

BOWLING: Finney 9-0-32-0; Newman 11-2-44-1; Moir 11-1-43-0; Miller 11-0-39-0; Fowler 3-0-23-1; Roberts 10-0-79-2.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Hassan b Rice	11
J G Wright b Cooper	39
A Hill c Broad b Saxelby	67
J H Hampshire c French b Cooper	5
G Miller b Broad	25
W P Fowler	1
R J Finney c French b Rice	9
B Roberts c Cooper b Rice	0
P G Newman c Rice b Hadlee	21
†R W Taylor	6
D G Moir not out	1
Extras (b 1, l-b 7, w 7, n-b 3)	18
Total (51 overs)	223

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-80, 3-95, 4-157, 5-160, 6-186, 7-188, 8-204, 9-215, 10-223.

BOWLING: Hadlee 9-3-34-2; Cooper 11-0-38-2; Saxelby 11-0-45-2; Rice 9-0-34-3; Hemmings 8-1-39-0; Broad 3-0-15-1.

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and B Dudleston.

Hold-up for the holders

By Richard Streeton

LORD'S: Sussex have scored 32 for one against Middlesex

Rain and bad light allowed only nine overs and *added* to the Middlesex problems as the Benson and Hedges Cup holders started their efforts to recover from a poor start in group C. Middlesex, having *previously lost to Kent, needed both* points from this game to maintain their chnce of qualifying

Sussex, in contrast, would be affected far less by the unsettled weather, which is *forecast* to continue today. Sussex already have a surprise win against Somerset behing them.

Gatting put Sussex in on a cold, overcast *morning*. Barclay gave a chance to the wicketkeeper off Cowans before he was caught at backward short leg off Daniel in the fifth over. The rain began after 45 minutes and lasted until tea. The umpires then waited in vain for the light to improve before abandoning play at 6.30pm.

SUSSEX

G D Mendis not out	8
*J R T Barclay c Barlow b Daniel	15
P W G Parker not out	8
Extras (l-b 1)	1
Total (1 wkt, 9 overs)	32

C M Wells, A P Wells, I A Greig, C P Phillipson, †I J Gould, G S le Roux, D A Reeve, and C E Waller to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18.

MIDDLESEX: G D Barlow, W N Slack, *M W Gatting, C T Radley, K P Tomlins, J E Emburey, †P R Downton, N F Williams, S P Hughes, W W Daniel and N G Cowans.

Umpires: A Jepson and K E Palmer.



Close (right), the essential figure in the equation involving Kirk (left) and Boycott

Boycott saga is by no means over

DAVID MILLER

In his new position as chairman of the Yorkshire General committee, Reg Kirk, a prominent pro-Boycott Revolutionary in the winter's overthrow of the old guard, is said to find being gamekeeper a less simple proposition than poacher. Seemingly even he occasionally becomes irritated by the block voting which is now *a characteristic of committee* meetings at which the non-cricketing Boycottt loyalists constitute more than half the 23 members.

It is said that you get the best our of a rebel by giving him official reponsibility. With Mr. Kirk, we shall see. There can be no doubt that *the Boycott saga* is by no means over, though the encouraging start to the season has alleviated some of the bitterness which remains.

The bottom line of the 1984 deal, which gave Boycott a one-year contract for his testimonial season, has to be faced in September: what will the general committee do if the cricket committee, chaired by the county's last successful captain, Brian Close, recommend that Boycott *should not have his* contract again extended?

Boycott, who with the prospect of collecting a six-figure testimonial sum is at present being as courteous to all and sundry as a Duchess hosting a charity ball, may well have another successful season. But the indications are that one player, and perhaps up to three, *may leave the county should* Boycott be reengaged. The evidence does not support the idea that a seniour player of his exceptional ability and experience might cooperatively pass on his knowledge to the younger generation the way Close did with him: the opportunity Boycott had in eight years as captain suggests the reverse.

However, the belief is that the general committee have marked Boycott's card for another three years; that he himself reckons he may yet play for England again. Syd Fielden, the most contentious of the rebels and *now ironically chairman of the* public relations committee, has openly said that Boycott should be able to play until he is 50, which would be for another six seasons. Yet the huge vote of members across the county was to give Boycott the dignity of playing during his testimonial year. That vote may become disgruntled should it discover that what it established was not a gesture of goodwill but a new dynasty as impenetrable as the old.

Close is an essential figure in the present Yorkshire equation, not merely because he led the county to four championships and two Gillette Cup victories, *in his eight years of acclaimed* captaincy, but because he gives respectability to the cricketing vacuum of much of the new general committee, of whom only five have worthwhile experience: Sharpe, Stott, Appleyard, Close and Boycott himself.

Close, by all accounts, makes no bones of the fact that he believes such a transformation is more likely to happen in the long run without Boycott, short of a radical change in character, than with him. Will Close, when the time comes, be able to persuade the cricket committee *to put this to the general* committee; and will they, with Boycott sitting among them, accept it?

The cricket committee have only one other player, Sharpe, a current Test selector, and one of the finest of all slip catchers. Close told the general com*mittee that if they ballotted for* four of the places they could count him out as chairman for the fifth. The other three are Tony Vann, a rebel, and Tony Woodhouse and Jack Sokell, moderates who might be reluctant to jeopardize their position by siding with controversy.

Supposing the cricket committee *do* recommend for Boycott not to be reengaged, the general committee would then be faced with a dilemma: accepting it, or losing Close, their link with cricketing reality.

He argued, in vain, that Boycott should not have a contract and be on the com*mittee – Boycott* had promised not to do that but changed his mind – because this would compromise the general committee's ability to make rational plans. Boycott and his supporters originally wanted to abolish the cricket committee and make Bairstow responsible directly to the general committee. In spite of Bairstow's vigorous loyalty to the team's interests and success, this would have made Boycott the most *influential figure on and off the* pitch.

The Boycott rebels claim that the old committees were a caucus but the risk is that this is what they themselves have now become. Everyone must hope that Boycott will have a *spectacular season, for his and* the county's benefit. Yet that is sure to precipitate fresh controversy, in which only Close's commonsense and Mr Kirk's altruistic ability to support him, will carry the possibility of stability rather than more unrest.

Northants punished by Willey

LEICESTER: Leicestershire (2 pts) beat Northamptonshire by six wickets.

Peter Willey, the former Northamptonshire all rounder, hit a match winning 88 not out to demoralize his former county. Willey's innings included a six and five fours and earned him the gold award as man of the match. Earlier be had bowled his eleven overs for only 28 runs.

Allan Lamb, dropped by Willey and Tim Boon at nought and 23, went on to score 80 out of Northamptonshire's total of 239 for six. Willey and Boon made amends with an unbroken stand of 87 in 11 overs after openers Ian Butcher and James Whitaker had put on 85.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

M J Bamber c Cook b Taylor	17
W Larkins l-b-w b Cook	31
R J Bailey b Taylor	51
A J Lamb c Boon b Agnew	80
D J Capel c Garnham b Taylor	5
*†G Sharp c Garnham b Agnew	11
D J Wild not out	8
D S Steele not out	2
Extras (b 4, l-b 10, w l, n-b 9)	24
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	239

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-77, 3-210, 4-214, 5-219, 6-237.

BOWLING: Agnew 11-1-38-2; Taylor 11-0-60-3; Parsons 11-0-54-0; Cook 11-1-37-1; Willey 11-4-28-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE

I P Butcher c Sharp b Capel	43
J J Whitaker c Sharp b Mallender	46
*P Willey not out	88
N E Briers c Larkins b Capel	8
M D Haysman l-b-w Mallender	15
T J Boon not out	35
Extras (l-b 3, w 2, n-b 2)	
Total (4 wkts, 53 overs)	243

†M A Garnham, N G B Cook, G J Parsons, J P Agnew and L B Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-85, 2-97, 3-118, 4-156.

BOWLING: Hanley 10-2-35-0; Mallender 10-0-45-2; Capel 11-0-61-2; Steele 11-1-39-0.

Umpires: R Palmer and P J Eele.

Benson and Hedges Cup standings

SECTION A:

	P	W	L	Pts
Warwickshire	2	2	0	4
Yorkshire	3	2	1	4
Northamptonshire	2	1	1	2
Leicestershire	3	1	2	2
Scotland	2	0	2	0

SECTION B:

	P	W	L	Pts
Nottinghamshire	3	2	1	4
Lancashire	2	2	0	4
Worcestershire	3	1	2	2
Derbyshire	2	1	1	2
Minor Counties	2	0	2	0

SECTION C:

	P	W	L	Pts
Kent	2	2	0	4
Sussex	1	1	0	2
Somerset	2	1	1	2
Middlesex	1	0	1	0

SECTION D:

	P	W	L	Pts
Gloucestershire	3	1	2	2
Essex	1	1	0	2
Combined Univs	3	1	2	2
Hampshire	2	1	1	2
Surrey	1	1	0	2

Gold award winners

DERBY: B C Broad (Nottinghamshire)
BRISTOL: A J T Miller (Combined Universities)
LEICESTER: P Willey (Leicestershire)
EDGBASTON: S N Hartley (Yorkshire)
WORCESTER: D N Patel (Worcestershire)

Knight off the mark

Roger Knight, the former Surrey captain and this season's beneficiary, is the first winner of the British Car Auctions monthly award to the county's players for outstanding performances.

Day to remember for Universities

By Alan Gibson

BRISTOL: The Combined Universities (2 pts) beat Gloucestershire by 27 runs.

At 197, *in the forty-sixth over*, I was still confident that Gloucestershire would win. They had no need to hurry, and had good batsman to come. Then Graveney was bowled *by Garlick, and in the next over* Shepherd, the most dangerous man left, was bowled by Carr. It was a shrewed move by Hayes to keep Carr, his best bowler after Cotterell, for the end.

The Combined Universities lost to Surrey narrowly last Saturday, and have now beaten Gloucestershire at home. This cannot be bad. Miller, not surprisingly, was given the Gold Award for the second match running. It was one of the more memorable days in the history of university cricket.

The Combined Universities won the toss, batted on a true pitch, and made 243, a respectable score, which has won many of these matches. I doubted whether it would be sufficient in this case, because like most university sides they bat much better than they bowl.

They lost two good wickets quite soon, Edbrooke leg-before and *Toogood caught at the wicket.* Although Gloucestershire were without Lawrence because of a strain suffered in morning practice, Sainsbury and Shepherd took some playing, with the ball swinging about. For although the day was dry, it was overcast. However, there followed a splendid stand between Miller and Carr. Miller, who made 91 against Surrey on Saturday, this time went on to the hundred. He is going to be an asset to the game, and especially to Middlesex. He learned to play at Haileybury, which has contributed much to Oxford cricket *in recent years. Carr, the son of the* distinguished Donald, is coming on fast, and scored 66. When he was caught at the wicketin the thirty-ninth over, the score was 157.

I think the Universities, with a little more experience, might have set up a formidable total at this stage. The plan should have been for Miller to keep going, and let the others play themselves in for a little. This would have been more likely to produce runs than the undignified swish with which the innings ended once Miller was run out. Only Thorne of the remaining order batted valuably.

Gloucestershire began disdainfully against some loose bowling. When the second line bowlers came on, they were more accurate, and the rate slowed. Stovold played on to *Cotterell: 72 for one in* the thirteenth over. Athey was well caught at mid-on. Zaheer and Romaines carried on easefully, and the score had reached 119 in the twenty-fifth when Zaheer was unexpectedly caught at the wicket off Hayes. In the same over, Wright was leg-before.

After tea, play proceeded in the *rain, sometimes quite heavy*, which I thought handicapped the fielding side, for the ball and the ground were so slippery. Romaines was well in, and Graveney played cooly in support. In the fortieth over, the score, 175, Romaines was caught, a splendid diving one by Davies, the Cambridge wicketkeeper.

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES: First Innings

A J T Miller run out	101
R M Edbrooke l-b-w b Sainsbury	6
G J Toogood l-b-w b Shepherd	0
J D Carr c Russell b Graveney	66
*K A Hayes c Romaines b Athey	21
D A Thorne not out	28
J G Franks c Russell b Athey	0
†A G Davis c Sainsbury b Athey	12
T A Cotterell st Russell b Athey	0
A D H Grimes b Shepherd	0
P Garlick run out	0
Extras (l-b 6, w 1, n-b 2)	9
Total (54.3 overs)	243

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-22, 3-157, 4-187, 5-221, 6-221, 7-243, 8-243, 9-243, 10-243.

BOWLING: Shepherd 10.3-2-40-2; Sainsbury 11-1-39-1; Doughty 2-0-18-0; Childs 11-1-53-0; Graveney 11-1-35-1; Athey 9-0-48-4.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A W Stovold b Cotterell	31
P W Romaines c Davies b Grimes	60
C W J Athey c Thorne b Cotterell	4
Zaheer Abbas c Davies b Hayes	24
A J Wright l-b-w b Hayes	0
R J Doughty c Davies b Hayes	13
*D A Graveney b Garlick	31
J N Shepherd c Davies b Carr	7
†R C Russell b Carr	8
J H Childs not out	6
G E Sainsbury b Carr	1
Extras (b 4, l-b 10, w 16, n-b 1)	31
Total (50 4 overs)	216

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-72, 2-88, 3-119, 4-119, 5-142, 6-175, 7-197, 8-197, 9-212, 10-216.

BOWLING: Garlick 9-1-38-1; Grimes 11-0-45-1; Cotterell 11-1-42-2; Hayes 11-2-40-3; Carr 8.4-0-22-3.

Umpires: D G L Evans and J A Jameson.



Legs before wicket: The West Indians limber up before net practice at Lord's yesterday

King makes hay for Worcester

WORCESTER: Worcestershire beat Minor Counties by seven wickets.

Collis King hit a half century off 38 balls as Worcestershire beat Minor Counties at New Road for their first Benson and Hedges win of the season. The West Indian, whose 11 overs during the Minor Counties innings cost only 13 runs, hit eight fours and two sixes. He contributed 61 *in a third wicket partnership of* 109 with Dipak Patel.

When Smith scored the winning runs with a six over long off, Patel was left unbeaten on 69 to win the gold award. *Minor Counties had* recovered from 29 for three to 205 for eight thanks to Hayward (61) and Collyer (49), their captain.

MINOR COUNTIES

S G Plumb c Smith b Pridgeon	7
W M Osmanb Inchmore	10
S Greensword c Weston b Patel	20
D Bailey b Inchmore	0
R E Hayward c Inchmore b Pridgeon	61
N A Riddell b Patel	18
N T O'Brien run out	0
*†F E Colyer c Weston b Warner	49
A Ramage not out	14
T S Smith not out	1
Extras (b-2, l-b 8, w 10, n-b 5)	25
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	205

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-29, 3-29, 4-64, 5-111, 6-118, 7-182, 8-195.

BOWLING: Warner 11-0-47-1; Pridgeon 10-3-31-2; Inchmore 11-1-45-2; King 11-5-13-0, Patel 11-2-39-2; D'Oliveira 1-0-4-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE

M J Weston run out	83
T S Curtis c Collyer b Surridge	3
D N Patel not out	69
C L King Collyer b Plumb	61
D M Smith not out	8
Extras (l-b 9, w 5, n-b 1)	15
Total (3 wkts, 42.5 overs)	209

D B D'Oliveira, *P A Neale, †D J Humphries, I D Inchmore, A P Pridgeon and A E Warner did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-25, 2-83, 3-192.

BOWLING: Ramage 7-2-11-0; Surrige 10-3-34-1; O'Brien 3-0-27-0; Bailey 5-0-30-0. Greensword 6-0-25-0; Plumb 2.5-1-18-1.

Umpires. W E Alley and J H Harris.

Turner makes early impact against Surrey

Only *19 overs were possible in* yesterday's Benson and Hedges Cup match between Essex and Surrey at Chelmsford. In that time, Surrey made 48 for two after being put in by Fletcher.

Turner broke a promising opening partnership by taking a return catch in his first over to remove Butcher for 10. Seven runs later, with *the total on 38*, Gooch had Pauline caught behind for 19.

SURREY

*A R Butcher c and b Turner	10
D B Pauline c East b Gooch	19
R D V Knight not out	8
M A Lynch not out	0
Extras (w 8, n-b 3)	11
Total (2 wkts, 19 overs)	48

A J Stewart, A Needham, †C J Richards, M A Feltham, G Monkhouse, S T Clarke and P I Pocock to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-38.

ESSEX: G A Gooch, C Gladwin, *K W R Fletcher, K S McEwan, D R Pringle, B R Hardie, S Turner, †D E East, N A Foster, J K Lever and D L Acfield.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and B Leadbeater.

No play yesterday

CANTERBURY: Kent v Somerset.

De Silva ruled out

Somachandra de Silva, the Sri Lankan Test match player, will not be available for Shropshire's Minor Counties this season. The county's professional for the last four seasons, he has a shoulder injury and will be out of cricket for two months.

TENNIS

Miss Navratilova's grand slam ambition questioned

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Berlin

Kathleen Horvath of Chicago, the teenager who dismissed Martina Navratilova from last year's French *championships*, asserted here yesterday that Miss Navratilova could not complete a grand slam in Paris next month. "The grand slam should be in one calendar year", *Miss Horvah said*, "and it starts with the French."

This view is common in the United States, coincides with an unwritten tradition, but conflicts *with the implications of a* decision made by the International Tennis Federation in 1982. They offered $1m (more than £700,000) to anyone who won the French, Wimbledon, US and Australian championships in sequence. What mattered was holding all four titles at the same time irrespective of where the sequence began.

This tacit, reasonable definition of a grand slam is not retroactive. The former unofficial understanding that is must be completed in a calendar year must be respected – but only in its application to the past. In recent years the Australian championships have been shifted about between November and January and have sometimes overlapped two calendar years (*technically, that made a one-year* grand slam impossible). December 31 no longer means much in terms of professional tennis.

The ITF decision gave substance to a *widely held opinion* that preferred modern facts to traditional concepts. Miss Navatrilova is singles and (with Pam Shriver) doubles champion of Wimbledon, the US and Australia. The last woman to achieve a grand slam in singles was Margaret Court, in 1970. The grand slam has never been done by a women's doubles team.

The controversy will swirl about with renewed turbulence in Paris. Miss Navatrilova, of course, might have completed a grand slam – under either system – but for the way Miss Horvath played against her a year ago. That was Miss Navratilova's only defeat in 1983. "A baseliner with the right tactics has a chance to beat her", Miss Horvath said yesterday. "But she's the toughest player to play, whatever the surface. It's partly because she's No 1. Against some players that gives her a 30-love advantage every game.

"But I'm a good player, too – and no matter who I play, I go out there to win. It's not always easy, but there's always a chance.

Miss Horvath was the runner-up to Chris Lloyd for last year's German title and is seeded to be the *runner-up to Bonnie Gadusek* next Sunday. Two former champions were beaten in the first round here: Renata Tomanova and Susan Barker. Two British players, Miss Barker and Anne Hobbs, were beaten in straight sets on Monday by players ranked below them. Yesterday the opposite happened when a little bundle of tenacity called Rina Einy, a qualifier from Hendon, beat Myriam Schropp of Germany by 6-2, 6-3. The spectators included Otto Temesvari, whose daughter Andrea, the fifth seed, will be Miss Einy's next opponent.

Miss Einy was born in Calcutta and her father's family comes from Baghdad. She has the same coach (Alan Jones) as her more distinguished compatriot, Joanna *Durie, and when they are both in* London she practises with Miss Durie daily. There is only 5ft 3in and 8st 7lb of Miss Einy, which means that she must be wary of the forecourt. From the baseline, though, she battles away with unflinching energy and fighting spirit. Her match was tougher than the score may suggest. But Miss Schropp eventually became frustrated, glum and despondent.

FIRST ROUND: J Goldar (US) bt R Tomanova-ret (WG) 6-3, 6-3. I Madruga-Osses (Arg) bt A Holton (US) 6-2, 6-2; E Inoue (Jap) bt K Skronska (Cz) 6-3, 6-2; R Einy (GB) bt *M Schropp (WG) 6-2, 6-3; M Okagawa (Jap) bt R* Wieser (WG) 6-3, 6-3; V Ruzici (Rom) bt K Latham (US) 6-2, 6-1; T Scheur-Larsen (Den) bt G Kim (US) 6-2, 6-2; A Leand (US) bt P Delhees (Switz) 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, R Uys (SA) bt E Longo (Arg) 6-1, 1-6, 6-3; M Skuherska (Cz) bt S Mascarin (US) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; C Tanvier (Fr) bt R Sasak (Yug) 7-6, 6-3; *M Jausovec (Yug)* bt V Nelson (US) 6-1, 6-4, S Solomon (US) bt T Lewis (US) 6-2, 6-2; I Budarova (Cz) bt P Whytcross (US) 6-3, 6-1, R Wieser (WG) bt M Dragana (Jap) 6-3, 6-3

Vilas falls to Slozil

Rome (AP) – Pavel Slozil, of Czechoslovakia, sprang a surprise in *the first round of the Italian* open championship yesterday, beating the seventh seed Guillermo Vilas, of Argentina, 6-2, 6-2.

Slozil, who had won only one set *in six previous matches against* Vilas, ranked eleventh in the world, played steadily on the damp courts of the Foro Italico in windy weather. Vilas, the 1980 Italian open *champion, made numerous* unforced errors and frequently double faulted.

"It's the most important win of the season for me," Slozil said. This *year he has seen his Association of* Tennis Professionals ranking slip from sixty-third to 124th in a matter of weeks. "He was missing today and that obviously was to my advantage."

First round: C Lewis (NZ) bt J Alexander (Aus), 6–4, 6–4, J Nystrom (Swe) bt V Pecci (Par), 6–3, 6–4; J Gunnarsson (Swe) bt M Hocevar (Br), 6–2, 6–2; S Simonsson (Swe) bt T Allan (Aus), 6–0, 6–4, R Arguello (Arg) bt J Bardou (Sp), 6–2, 7–5, C Barazzutto (It) bt R Krishnan (India), 7–5, 7–6; P McNamee (Aus) bt T Benhabiles (Fr), 3–6, 6–2, 6–2; K Carlsson (Swe) bt J Hlasek (Cz), 6–2, 6–2; J-L Clerc (Arg) bt F Gonzales (Par), 6–3, 6–1; C Panatta (It) bt F Luna (Sp), 7–5, 6–1; C Mezzadin (It) bt P Cash (Aus), 6–4, 6–2; P Arraya (Peru) bt H Gildemeister (Chile), 7–6, 5–7, 7–6; M Ostoja (Yug) bt R Stadler (Switz), 6–4, 7–6; M Freeman (US) bt M Leach (US), 7–6, 5–7, 7–6; D Perez (Uru) bt P Rebolledo (Chile), 6–3, 6–3.

P Slozil (Cz) bt G Vilas (Arg) 6-2, 6-2; A Jarryd (Swe) bt M Mecir (Cz) 6-3, 6-0; A Gomez (Ec) bt S Colombo (It) 6-2, 6-2; A Krickstein (US) bt E Teltscher (US) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; M Wilander (Swe) bt S Casal (Sp) 7-5, 5-7, 6-2; F Cancellotti (It) bt S Giammalva (US) 6-1, 7-6; S Edberg (Swe) bt A Giammalva (US) 7-5, 6-2; S Glickstein (Isr) bt J Brown (US) 7-6, 7-6.

Bale out quickly

Stuart Bale, a wild card entry into the Queen's tournament next *month, failed to survive his opening* match yesterday in the Lawn Tennis Association's hard court tournament at Lee-on-Solent. He lost 6-1, 6-4 to Bruce Foxworth, of the United States, to complete a bad day for the home players after the defeats of David Felgate and Julie Salmon.

MEN'S SINGLES: First Round: B Levine (SA) bt D Felgate, 7-5, 6-3; B Foxworth (US) bt S Bale, 6-1, 6-4. *WOMEN'S SINGLES: First* Round: E Lightbody bt J Louis, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4; N Dias (Br) bt V Marler (Aus), 7-5, 6-1; A Villagran (Arg) bt M Groat (Can), 6-1, 6-2; C Bartos (Hun) bt J Salmon, 6-1, 7-5.

BADMINTON

England reach final

From Richard Eaton, Kuala Lumpur

England reached the final of the Uber Cup for only the second time, and for the first time in 21 years, *when they beat Denmark 3-2 here* yesterday. For the second successive match, Nora Berry, only 10 weeks after having a baby, showed that her glassfibre temperament still withstands any amount of strain as she and Jane Webster won the deciding match in straight games against Lisalotte Gottsche and Grethe Mogensen.

The men failed to reach the final of the Thomas Cup in this the first joint men's and women's world championship, sponsored by Marlboro – but that was only to be expected. They lost 4-1 to the holders, China, but have a reasonable chance of winning third place against the youthfully ambitious South Koreans today.

Mick Yates, the England No. 2, who has swollen *ligaments* behind a kneecap, was rested with the explicit intent of going all out for the bronze medal. Steve Butler was, despite his first defeat, yet again the best singles player; the victory came from the European doubles champions, Mike Tredgett and Martin Dew against He Shang Quan and Jiang Guoliang.

England's women might well have lost to the determined Danes had not Helen Troke proved beyond doubt that she is the European No 1 by recovering from a game and 1-6 down to win the opening match 8-11, 11-7, 11-4 against Kirsten Larsen. Even then England went 2-1 down and it required doubles successes from Nora Perry and Gillian Gilks, who was partnering with Karen Beckman.

UBER CUP (English names first). H Troke bt K Larsen 8-11, 11-7, 11-4; S Podger lost to R Sorensen 3-11, 6-11; J Webster lost to D Kjaer 7-11, 11-5, 4-11; G Gilks/K Beckman by K Larsen/D Kjaer 15-3, 15-2; N Perry/J Webster bt L Gottsche/G Mogensen 15-10, 15-2.

THOMAS CUP (Chinese names first): Luan Jin bt S Baddeley 15-9, 15-1; Han Jian bt A Goode 15-3, 15-7; *Yang Yang bt S Butler 15-8, 15-9.* He Shangquan/Jiang Guoliang lost to M Dew/M Tredgett 15-10, 3-15, 9-15; Sun Zhian/Tian Bingyi bt C Dobson/D Tailor 15-8, 15-10.

GOLF

Approach is too tentative

On a day when the sea was idling in the Dornock Firth and SLGA's flag hung limply form its pole, Gillian Stewart handed in a 73 – three under the Royal Dornock par to lead the field at the end of the first qualifying round for the Scottish Ladies Championship (Lewine Mair writes).

Christine Middleton, of Cruden Bay, had a 75, while Belle Robertson, who had come out top among the qualifiers five times in the last six years, pulled up on 76

Mostly the scoring was poor. Players knew they should have at least played to their handicaps and became tentative.

FIRST ROUND (Leaders): 73: G Stewart (Inverness). 75: C Middleton (Cruden Bay). 76: S Gallagher (Peebles), I C Robertson (Dunaverty). 77: S Lawson (Stirling Univ). 78: B MacConnachie (West Kilbride). 79: A Ryan (Tain) L Urquhart (Banchory). M Ferguson (Gullane), M Vase (Tain), V McAllister (Dumfries & County), J Lershman (Turnberry).

Miss Strudwick takes lead

Sue Strudwick, aged 18, from Staffordshire, in only her second season on the WPGA European circuit, led the 51-strong field in the Ulster Classic, sponsored by Volkswagen, at Belvoir Park, Belfast, yesterday (George Ace writes).

Miss Strudwick, had a three-under-par round of 70, highlighted by an eagle-birdie finish. At the 404 yards seventeenth she hit a five-wood second to three feet and holed the putt, and at the final hole put a nine iron to within six feet and sank the putt.

One shot back is Dale Reid, from the Ladybank Club in Scotland.

FIRST ROUND (leaders): 70: S Strudwick (Brockton Hall). 71: D Reid (Ladybank). 72: S Allinson (Knebworth). M Connolly (US) 73: E Boozer (USA); K Ehrnlud (Sw), M Walker (Ely City). 74: R Hast (S Africa); V Marvin (Easingwold); M Thompson (Murcar); J Rumsey (Rochford); C Sharp (Colchester).

ATHLETICS

Rivals' cool approach

By Pat Butcher

When athletes play down the significance of a race, even before it is run, you can be sure that something interesting is in the offing. Mike McLeod, Steve Jones, Julian Goater and Barry Smith have described their *5,000 metres* race at Crystal Palace this evening in dismissive terms. But since they, plus Steve Binns, who is also competing, are leading contenders for the three *10,000 metres Olympic* places, to be selected from the race at the UK Championships in Cwnbran in 10 days' time, this becomes an important guide to form

Jones and McLeod are in superb form at the moment. Jones was third in the world cross country championships in late March, and ran away from the field in the AAA 10 kilometre road championship in Birmingham two weeks ago. McLeod was an equally impressive winner of the Gateshead 10 kilometre road race a month ago. A notable absentee through injury is Dave Clarke, who got the race changed *from its orignal distance of 3,000* metres. Chris McGeorge and Ikem Billy also run in the meeting, in the 800 metres for Loughborough against the AAA and Borough Road College.

RACING: SWINBURN WINS MUSIDORA STAKES AT YORK DESPITE SADDLE SLIPPING AT START

Telios is ready to brush Claude Monet aside

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Claude Monet, the third favourite for the Derby, will be under the microscope at York today when he puts his unbeaten record at stake in the Mecca-Dante Stakes. Henry Cecil, his trainer, has a soft spot for this particular classic trial, having won it first with Approval and then again with Lyphard's Wish, Hello Gorgeous and Simply Great.

Time alone will tell whether Claude Monet is capable following in their footsteps. What is clear in my mind is that he is not a 7-4 shot to beat a field that includes Telios, Kirmann, Long Pond, High Debate, Head For Heights and Commanche Run besides Raami and Pigwidgeon, the two who finished directly behind him in the Heathorn Stakes at Newmarket at the beginning of this month.

So my inclination is to take a chance with Telios in this instance. Bruce Hobbs, his trainer, is not prone to making wild statements, so when such a conservative and experienced man says that Telios might easily beat the best in the land over middle distances – as he did soon after Telios had finished third to Lear Fan and Rainbow Quest in the Craven Stakes – it is high time to sit up and take notice.

Being a half brother to the Irish Derby winner, Tyrnavos, as well as those other good equine athletes Tachypous, Tromos and Tolmi, by Mill Reef, Telios certainly has an abundance of goodness in his pedigree. I will not be remotely surprised if he lives up to it.

The same observation obviously applies to Claude Monet, who is by Affirmed, the winner of the American Triple Crown, and out of a mare who won the French 1,000 Guineas and Oaks. However, after looking bound to win with ease at Newmarket, there was something rather disturbing about the way that Claude Monet did eventually succeed.

Whether it was Steve Cauthen taking things too easily, or whether it was Claude Monet weakening up the final hill, either because of lack of fitness, lack of stamina, or both, I know not. What I do know, is that Bill O'Gorman is not remotely afraid of taking him on again with Raami on 6lb better terms, and that the connexions of Pigwidgeon have not been frightened away either.

Human nature being what it is, the continuing feud between Claude Monet's owner, Daniel Wildenstein, and Lester Piggott *is likely to goad the latter into* trying to move heaven and earth in his attempt to win today's big prize on Kirmann, who could easily become Piggott's ride and the Aga Khan's runner in this year's Derby if he succeeds.

Kirmann showed traces of inexperience before he eventually won the White Rose Stakes at Ascot last month. Yesterday Fulke Johnson Houghton, his trainer, told me that while Kirmann had learnt a lot from that race he might still turn out to be a little green when the crunch comes. Nevertheless, he should still manage to confirm his Ascot form with Tocave Botta.

No horse will get the trip better today than High Debate, who won over a mile and a quarter as a two-year-old and ran Trojan Fen to half a length at Newmarket in April. Furthermore, as this giant of a horse was never entered for the Derby because it was felt that Epsom would be unlikely to suit him, today's race almost amounts to a classic in itself.

*Head For Heights and El-*egant Air has changed stables as a result of a change in ownership since last autumn. *He is not one to be trifled with*, even though training him on the firm ground this spring cannot have been easy.

Elegant Air comes from a stable which has still to find its natural rhythm. It must be said that his run behind Long Pond in the Blue Riband Trial at Epsom was disappointing, although he can only improve.

George Robinson, our Newmarket Correspondent, ventures the opinion that Commanche Run could turn out to be Luca Cumani's best three-year-old colt. His two-year-old form has already been upheld at European level by Bob Back's good performance in last Sunday's Italian Derby.

No matter how Claude Monet fares in the big race, his owner and breeder could still have something to smile about after the Glasgow Stakes because the word from Newmarket is that Thersite has shown sufficient on the heath there to suggest that he may be up to beating the Craven Stakes fourth, Cherry Hill, and the easy Kempton winner, Assail, with these allowances.

Paul Cole, whose Lambourn stable has been in such effervescent form this spring, is hopeful that Joyful Dancer, with Brian Rouse aboard, will win the Hambleton Stakes and thus compensate im and his followers for that narrow defeat in the Jubilee Stakes at Kempton 10 days ago. Cole told me yesterday that Joyful Dancer is very well and that he thinks the course at York will suit him.

If he is unsuccessful, compensation should still be in the pipeline by way of a victory in the Madeira Handicap at Brighton with Serheed and the Marina Stakes with Enchanted Castle, who has already won there this season.

Since the weights were published, Serheed has won twice, initially at Kempton by four lengths and then again at Lingfied Park by the sme distance. In the circumstances I will be surprised if a 4lb penalty stops my nap from gaining a third successive win.

Another likely lass for Stoute

By Michael Seely

Despite a dangerously slipping saddle, the partnership of Walter Swinburn and Optimistic Lass survived intact to gallop to a convincing victory in the Musidora Stakes at York yesterday. "That was an absolute miracle", the 22-year-old jockey said. "I was more helped than hindered. I'd given up all hope of winning when suddenly we were there in front."

Swinburn thought that the accident probably occurred leaving the starting stalls. "It probably happened as we jumped off. She is a rather narrow-girthed filly and the saddle was probably shaken loose immediately. First it slipped backwards. Then each time I tried to correct it by pushing down with one leg, the saddle went the other way. We hit the front far too soon and she was idling in the lead."

Optimistic Lass took up the running over two furlongs from home and stayed on strongly to beat Poquito Queen by one and a half lengths with Sandy Island, the 5-4 favourite, the same distance away third. "We had to think that was disappointing", Henry Cecil said. "Sandy Island will probably now only run at Epsom if the ground is soft."

Both Dick Hern and Willie Carson thought that Satinette, who finished fourth, failed to stay the distance. Michael Stoute, on the other hand, holds an immensely strong hand as the Newmarket trainer attempts to repeat his 1978 triumph with Fair Salinia in the Oaks. "We'll have to play it race by race. At the moment Malaak is my only certain runner. But I'd love to run Optimistic Lass as well. Although there are slight stamina doubts on her damside, she's got a marvellously relaxed temperament and I'm encouraged to think that she'll get mile and a half at Epsom.

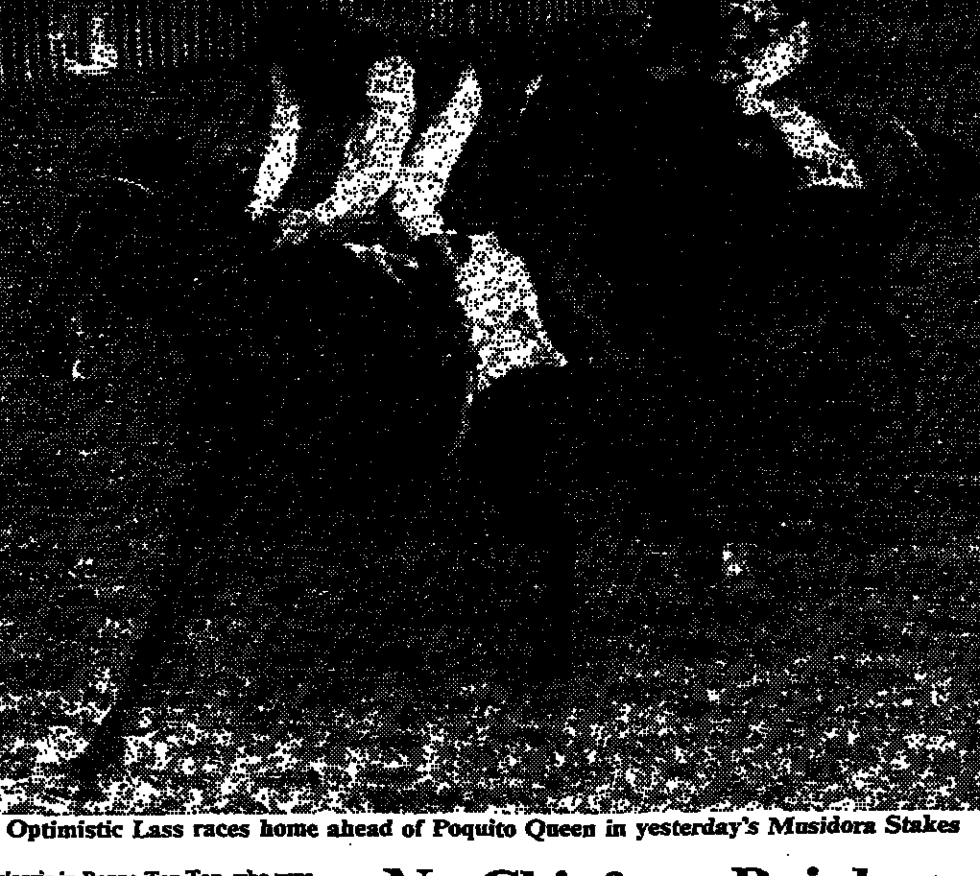
"But Sheikh Mohammed also owns Kanz as well", Stoute added, "and we'd better wait until I've run Leipzig against the favourite in the *Sir Charles Clore Memorial Stakes* at Newbury on Friday. Optimistic Lass is also entered in the furlong and a half shorter French Oaks as well."

Stoute has a fourth possible candidate for our fillies' premier classic in Rappa Tap Tap, who runs at Goodwood next week. Kanz remains favourite for the Oaks and Optimistic Lass is quoted at odds of between 6-1 and 8-1.

Willie Carson was the star of an action-packed afternoon on the Knavesmire. The reigning champion jockey landed a 130-1 treble on Chepstow Vale, Pampas and Barry Sheene. Chepstow Vale gave Hern his first two-year-old winner of the season from his first runner of that age group in the Zetland Stakes.

Pampas, the middle leg of Carson's three winners, was a convincing winner of the David Dixon Trophy. "That was my first ever runner at York", the victorious Irish trainer, said. "Pampas was a cheap buy for only £2,000 at the two-year-old out-of-training sales at Goffs. We'll run her in the Ballyogan Stakes at Leopardstown and then bring her over to Royal *Ascot for the Wokingham Stakes*."

Par Eddery also continues to ride in invincible form and recorded his twenty-sixth victory of the season when producing Glowing With Pride with a well-timed run to outclass her rivals in the BBA Middleton Stakes.



Optimistic Lass races home ahead of Poquito Queen in yesterday's Musidora Stakes

No Chief Singer

Chief Singer, runner-up to El Gran Senor in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket was a surprise omission from the 15 four-day declarations for the Airlie/Coolmore Irish 2,000 Guineas at *The Curragh* on Saturday.

Vincent O'Brien and his son, are responsible for a third of the declarations. Vincent has left in Sadler's Wells, winner of the Leopardstown Derby Trial last time out, Wood Luck and Capture Him.

Secreto, the Northern Dancer colt unbeaten in two starts, is the main hope of David O'Brien, who also has Congress Palace among the possibles. Guy Harwood has left in Rousillon and Maysara.

The 15 declared runners are: Capture Him, Congress Palace, Fiery Celt, Foscarini, Hegemony, Lak Lustre, Masubeni, Maysara, Procida, Rousillon, Sadler's Wells, Seafaring, Secreto, Shubumi, Tomriland.

Rainbow Quest out

Rainbow Quest, owned by Khaled Abdulla, will not run in the Derby provided all remains well with Alphabatim, Mr Abdullah's principal Epsom hope. Jeremy Tree, Rainbow Quest's trainer, said yesterday: Rainbow Quest's next likely race will be either the French Derby or the Prix Jean Prat." Both are run at Chantilly on June 3.

Rainbow Quest, who finished only fourth, nine-and-half-lengths behind El Gran Senor, in the 2,000 guineas, was as short as 8-1 for the Derby after finishing a close second to Lear Fan in the Craven Stakes on his reappearance. But he drifted out to 25-1 shortly after the Guineas and yesterday morning was not included in most lists, as bookmakers anticipated that he would not run.

Alphabatim is best-priced 9-2 to give Mr Abdulla his first Derby success.

EQUESTRIANISM

A princess helps trials with redesign

By Jenny MacArthur

Princess Anne, the president of the Windsor Horse Trials, has played a major rule in the planning of the new cross-country course for this year's trials, sponsored by the TI Group, which take place in Windsor Great Park from May 25 to 27.

The building of 21 new fences, at a cost of about £13,000, was made possible by the insurance money collected after the cancellation of last year's event because of rain. Princess Anne, together with Bill Thomson, the Burghley course designer, John Smeear and Captain Dick Seaman, the cross-country director, immediately began to plan a cross-country course on the new site of the Prince of Wales field.

Special take-offs and landings mean that each fence will remain jumbable in dry or wet conditions, and also each fence can now be reached by an ambulance in case of an accident. Princess Anne said yesterday that Windsor had now assumed its rightful place as a forerunner to Badminton and Burghley, the two premier three-day events.

Princess Anne will not be competing at Windsor because Mission Lake, her only horse of the right standard, has sitll not *recovered from injury*. Riders competing include Captain Mark Phillips on Fieldsman, Richard Walker with Lutin V and Globe-trotter, and Lucinda Green with Encounter.

Glazzard in title defence

By a Special Correspondence

There are 90 more entries in the house and pony classes at the two *Shropshire and West Midlands* Show, which opens today at Shresbury, than last year.

Geoff Glazzard, winner of last year's leading title, Veronique Whitaker and the current junior european champion, Iain Morgan, all dual winners at last week's Royal Windsor Show, head tha show *jumping* entry.

Also competing are Jean Germany, who won the major competition at the recent Newark and Nottinghamshire Show, Graham Fletcher, Robert Smith and Australian Jeff McVean.

YORK (ITV)

[Televised (C4): 2.35, 3.10, 3.40, 4.10]

GOING: good to firm.

Draw no advantage.

Tote: double 3.10 and 4.10. Treble 2.35, 3.40, 4.40.

2.0 UNIVERSITY OF YORK TURF CLUB STAKES (2-y-o: £3,193: 5f) (6 *runners*)

101		ARISTOCRAT VELVET (Eversure Textiles Ltd) J Etherington 9-0	T Ives	5
102	4	BARNES STAR (Rbt Barnes & Co Ltd) R Williams 9-0	Pat Eddery	1
103	3	BOARDMANS VENTURE (Maj R Rubin) J Berry 9-0	K Darley	6
105		GLEN-ROY-BOY (W McClennon) F Carr 9-0	C Dwyer	2
107		HO MI CHINH (P Bull) M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch	3
108	2	KIESERITSKY (K Snu) R Armstrong 9-0	J Mercer	4

1983: Handstand 9-0 E Hide (16-1) J W Watts 14 ran.

4-5 Kieseritsky, 4 Ho Mi Chinh, 6 Barnes Star, 10 Boardmans Venture, 12 Aristocrat Velvet, 16 Glen-Roy-Boy.

FORM: BARNES STAR (9-0) 7½l 4th to Hot Girl (8-11) at Chester (5f, £1,695, good to firm, May 9). BOARDMANS VENTURE (8-11) 3½l 3rd to Brave Bambino (8-11) at Newcastle (5f, £1,776, good, Apr 23). KIESERITSKY (9-0) 1l 2nd to Solo Native (9-0) at Newcastle (5f, £3,340, firm, May 5). Selection: KIESERITSKY.

York selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Kieseritsky, 2.35 Chantaco, 3.10 Telios, 3.40 Joyful Dancer, 4.10 Thersite, 4.40 Seattle Rose.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Kieseritsky, 2.35 Chantaco, 3.10 Claude Monet, 3.40 Steeple Bell, 4.10 Thersite, 4.40 Real Silver.

By Michael Seely

3.10 Tocave Botta (each way), 3.40 JOYFUL DANCER (nap).

2.35 TATTERSALLS' YORKSHIRE STAKES (2-y-o: £4,374: 5f) (2)

201	11	CHNTACO (D) (J Burns) M Stoute 9-4	W R Swinburn	1
202	31	HOPEFUL HEIGHTS (D) (V. J. Emsley Ltd) T Fairhurst 9-4	R P Elliott	2

1983: Clantime 9-4 G Duffield (5-2) J Berry 6 ran.

1-3 Chantaco, 5-2 Hopeful Heights.

FORM: CHANTACO (9-0) pushed out to beat Alona (9-5) 2l at Newmarket (5f, £3,075, good to firm, May 4). First time out Chantaco (9-0) scored comfortable 2l victory over Tuxford Hideaway (8-11), winner since at Nottingham (5f, £979, firm, Apr 23). HOPEFUL HEIGHTS (8-11) was 6½l 3rd to Persian Pleasure (9-4) on Beverley debut (5f, £2,553, good to soft, Apr 7) but was neck winner (9-0) from Sardar (9-0) at Haydock next time (5f, £2,182, firm, Apr 21).
Selection: CHANTACO.

3.10 MECCA-DANTE STAKES (Group 2: 3-y-o: £62,420: 1m 2f 110yd) (15)

301	2210-4	BELDALE LEAR (Beldale Bloodstock) M Jarvis 9-0	B Raymond	12
302	1-1	CLAUDE MONET (D Wildenstein) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	2
303	02-	COMMANCHE RUN (I Allen) L Cumani 9-0	D McHarhue	11
304	11241-0	ELEGANT AIR (P Mellon) I Balding 9-0	J Matthias	5
305	2-	HATIM (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-0	Pat Eddery	3
306	2122-	HEAD FOR HEIGHTS (Sheikh Mohammed) W Hern 9-0	W Carson	4
307	301-2	HIGH DEBATE (J Hibbitt) J Jefferson 9-0	J Reid	13
308	0-1	KIRMANN (H. H. Aga Khan) R Houghton 9-0	Piggott	13
309	21	LONG POND (D Dein) P Kelleway 9-0	G Duffield	8
310	440-200	PETRIZZO (C Elliot) C Brittain 9-0	–	14
311	01-3	PIGWIDGEON (Mrs J Delahooke) G Harwood 9-0	B Rouse	1
312	20040-1	PRINCE RAGUSA (D Leech) G Fletcher 9-0	A Bond	10
313	110-122	RAAMI (A Foustok) W O'Gorman 9-0	T Ives	9
315	13-3	TELS (Mrs H Cambanis) B Hobbs 9-0	G Baxter	15
316	222-3	TOCAVA BOTTA (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	6

1983: Hot Touch 9-0 P Eddery (11-1) G Wragg 9 ran.

6-4 Claude Monet, 6 Raami, 7 Kirmann, Telios, 10 Elegant Air, 10 Long Pond, 14 High Debate, Pigwidgeon, 16 Hatim, 33 others.

FORM: BELDALE LEAR (8-4) 11¾l 4th to Condrillac (8-9) at Haydock (7f, £7,986, firm, May 5). CLAUDE MONET (8-10) bt RAAMI (9-2) a head at Newmarket (1m 2f, £8,796, good to firm, May 3), with PIGWIDGEON (8-10) further 3l away 3rd. COMMANCHE RUN (9-0) 1l 2nd to Bob Back (9-0) at Newmarket (8f, £4,998, good, oct 13), with KIRMANN (9-0) out of first nine. ELEGANT AIR (8-12) beaten just under 3l when 5th to LONG POND (8-8) at Epsom (9f, £24,318, Firm, Apr 24). HEAD FOR HEIGHTS (9-0) a neck 2nd to Falstaff (9-0) here (7f, £8,118, good to firm, Aug 31) HIGH DEBATE (9-4) beaten ½l by Trojan Fen (9-4) at Newmarket (9f, £7,778, good to firm, Apr 19), with PETRIZZO (8-8) just over 4l back in 6th. KIRMANN (8-9) beat Bye Bye Birdie (8-9) by a short head at Ascot (1m 2f, £6,908, firm, May 2), with TOCAVE BOTTA (8-9) 3l away 3rd. PRINCE RAGUSA (8-10) beat Golden Flute (9-0) ½l at Thirsk (8f, £4,869, good Apr 14). TELIOS (8-7) just over 7l 3rd to Lear Fan (8-12) at Newmarket (8f, £11,784, good to firm, Apr 17).
Selection: RAAMI.

3.40 HAMBLETON HANDICP (£9,458: 1m) (12)

401	203114-	ASSWAN (D) (Sultan Adham J Hindley 4-9-10	B Thomson	12
403	13222-0	TELEPROMPTER (D) (BF) (Ld Derby) J W Watts 4-9-9	W Carson	5
404	0000-00	JOHNNY NOBODY (D) (J Bergin) H Blackshaw 4-9-8	W Carson	5
405	00101-0	STEEPLE BELL (C) (D) (BF) (Mrs C Brudenell-Bruce) M Stoute 8-9-4	K Bradshaw 5	4
406	111/40-	INDIAN RAJAH (Esal 'Commodities' Ltd) K Brassey 4-9-3	J Matthias	10
407	00-0100	MOORES METAL (D) (Moores 'Stoke-on-Trent' Ltd) R Hollinshead 4-9-2	W Ryan 5	11
409	03311/	NAGARRO (Mrs C Jones) W Musson 4-8-11	M Miller	3
410	0000-01	COUNTRY BROKER (D) (E Rawlinson) D Elsworth 4-8-11	S Cauthen	1
412	00-0031	ROMOSS (D) (F. Laffert Builders) R Whitaker 5-8-8 (5 ex)	S Perks	8
413	4030-12	JOYFUL DANCER (D) (BF) (D How) P Cole 4-8-0	B Rouse	2
414	13-0202	MARSHALLA (D) (D Beresford) J Wilson 4-8-8	K Darley	6
515	20314-	WARPLANE (A Wilson) C Thornton 4-8-0	M Tebbutt 7	7

1983: Crossways 4-9-3 P Eddery (4-1 jt-fav) G Wragg 10 ran.

3 Joyful Dancer, 7-2 Romoss, 6 Teleprompter, 7 Steeple Bell, 8 County Broker, 10 Asswan, 12 Indian Rajah, 14 Moores Metal, 20 others.

FORM: ASSWAN (9-9) 6½l 4th to Barrie Baby (9-0) (Doncaster 8f, £4,008, soft, Sept 10). TELEPROMPTER (9-7) and JOHNNY NOBODY (9-7) 6th and 7th to Basil Boy (8-5) (Doncaster 1m 2f, £9,650, good to firm, May 7). MOORES METAL unplaced last time, previously (8-12) ¾l winner from Vintage Toll (8-6) with ROMOSS (8-3) 3rd, beaten 1½l. MARSHELLA (8-0) 9th, beaten 10½l and JOHNNY NOBODY (9-10) 12th Newcastle 8f, £5,970, good, Apr 23). COUNTY BROKER (9-1) neck winner from Big Pal (9-8) with STEEPLE BELL (10) 7th, beaten 10¾l (Kempton 8f, £2,838, firm, Apr 23). ROMOSS (8-12) ran on well, ½l winner from Wibis Range (9-0) (Thirsk 8f, £7,889, firm May 12). JOYFUL DANCER (7-7) 1l 2nd to Larionov (9-11) (Kempton 8f, £10,950, good May 7), previously (8-0) 2½l winner from Basil Boy (9-0) with MOORES METAL (9-5) 6th, beaten 5l (Newbury 8f, £6,607, good, Apr 14). MARSHELLA (8-1) 2½l 2nd to Flying Scotsman (7-13) (Chester 1m 2f, £3,973, good to firm, May 8).
Selection JOYFUL DANCER.

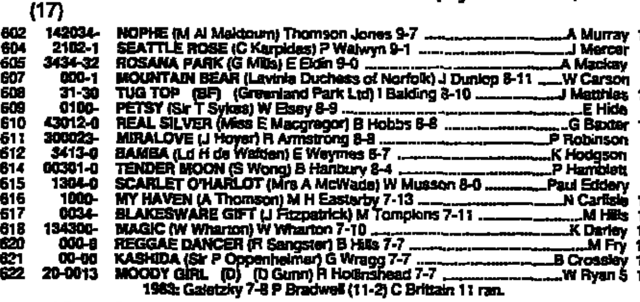
4.10 GLASGOW STAKES (3-y-o: £4,454: 1m 2f 110yd) (7)

501	31	ASSAIL (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-3	A Clark	1
508	22-402	CHAUMIERE (R Swift) R Williams 8-10	T Ives	4
509	3-4	CHERRY HILL (Sir R Cohen) J Dunlop 8-10	W Carson	5
512	00-	FRENCH NEPHEW (L Brealey) Miss S Hall 8-10	M Birch	7
515	0-00	HIERONYMOUS (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-10	S Cauthen	3
518	00	PRIVITY (E Seltzer) J Hindley 8-10	M Hills	6
521		THERSITE (D Wildenstein) P Kelleway 8-7	W R Swinburn	2

1983: Gay Lemur 8-10 G Baxter (5-1) B Hobbs 7 ran.

11-10 Assail, 11-4 Thersite, 9-2 Chaumiere, 7 Cherry Hill, 10 Privity, 26 others.

FORM: ASSAIL (9-0) beat Helios Gypsy (9-0) by an easy 2l at Kempton (8f, £4,160, good May 5). CHAUMIERE (8-12) beaten a head by Straight Man (8-12) at Chester (1m 2f, £3,454, god to firm, May 8). CHERRY HILL (8-7) just over 7l 4th to Lear Fan (8-12) at Newmarket (8f, £11,784, good to firm, Apr 17). HIERONYMOUS (9-0) 5½l 5th to Spicy Story (9-0) at Newbury (1m 3f, £2,795, good, Apr 13). PRIVITY unplaced Newmarkt May 5th, previously (9-0) just over 2l 4th to Baynoun (9-7) at Newmarket (1m 4f, £2,986, good to firm, Apr 18).
Selection CHERRY HILL.



4.40 'SEE IT LIVE' IN YORKSHIRE HANDICAP (3-y-o fillies: £4,194: 1m) (17)

602	142034-	NOPHE (M Al Maktoum) Thomson Jones 9-7	A Murray	14
604	2102-1	SEATTLE ROSE (C Karpides) P Walwyn 9-1	J Mercer	2
605	3434-32	ROSANA PARK (G Mills) E Eldin 9-0	A Mackay	9
607	000-1	MOUNTAIN BEAR (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson	8
608	31-30	TUG TOP (BF) (Greenland Park Ltd) I Balding 8-10	J Matthias	16
609	0100-	PETSY (Sir T Sykes) W Elsey 8-9	E Hide	1
610	43012-0	REAL SILVER (Miss E Macgregor) B Hobbs 8-8	G Baxter	15
611	300023-	MIRALOVE (J Hoyer) R Armstrong 8-8	P Robinson	5
612	3413-0	BAMBA (Ld H de Walden) E Weymes 8-7	K Hodgson	7
614	00301-0	TENDER MOON (S Wong) B Hanbury 8-4	P Hamblett	3
615	1304-0	SCARLET O'HARLOT (Mrs A McWade) W Musson 8-0	Paul Eddery	4
616	1000-	MY HAVEN (A Thomson) M H Easterby 7-13	N Carlisle	11
617	0034-	BLAKESWARE GIFT (J Fitzpatrick) M Tompkins 7-11	M Hills	10
618	134300-	MAGIC (W Wharton) W Wharton 7-10	K Darley	12
620	000-8	REGGAE DANCER (R Sangster) B Hills 7-7	M Fry	13
621	00-00	KASHIDA (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 7-7	B Crossley	17
622	20-0013	MOODY GIRL (D) (D Gunn) R Hollinshead 7-7	W Ryan 5	16

1983: Galetzky 7-8 P Bradwell (11-2) C Brittain 11 ran.

11-4 Seattle Rose, 4 Rosana Park, 5 Mountain Bear, 6 Tug Top, 8 Nophe, 10 Real Silver, 12 Bamba, My Haven, 20 others.

FORM: NOPHE 4th last time, (8-13) had SEATTLE ROSE (8-10) over 9l away in 8th when 4l 2nd to Chapel Cottage (8-10) at Newmarket (6f, £21774, good, July 5). SEATTLE ROSE has improved since and was 1l winner (9-2) from Senane (9-3) first time out at Epsom (9f, £3889, firm, Apr 24). MOUNTAIN BEAR (9-6) beat Bragado (8-6) ¾l at Nottingham (8f, £2018, firm, Apr 23) TUG TOP 8th in h'cap last time, previously 2l 3rd (8-9) to Mels El-Reem (8-11) at Salisbury (7f, £3054, good, Apr 7). MIRALOVE 3rd final start, had been ½l 2nd (7-8) to Free Crest (7-13) at Newmarket (7f, £5361, good, Oct 15). REAL SILVER (8-3) never near to challenge when about 6l 6th to Native Charmer (9-0) at Newmarket (7f, £4156, good to firm, Apr 17). TENDER MOON 11th in Fred Darling Stakes on reappearance, was comfortable ¾l winner (8-11) from Smokey Lin (8-11) at Leicester (6f, £1035, good to firm, Oct 31). KASHIDA unplaced both runs this term, (8-11) made late headway to finish 7½l 5th to Cutting Wind (9-0) at Yarmouth (6f, £1035, firm, Aug 18).
Selection: TUG TOP.

Course specialists

YORK

TRAINERS: J Dunlop, 21 winners from 50 runners, 42.0%; H Cecil, 27 from 90, 30.0%; W Hern, 29 from 108, 26.9%.
JOCKEYS: L Piggott, 65 wins from 270 rides, 24.1%; W Carson, 49 from 231, 21.2%; S Cauthen, 32 from 218, 14.7%.

BRIGHTON

TRAINERS: P Kelleway, 8 from 41, 19.5%; P Cole, 31 from 162, 19.1%; J Dunlop, 31 from 165, 18.8%.
JOCKEYS: P Cook, 20 from 123, 16.3%; P Waldon, 14 from 143, 9.8%.

BRIGHTON

GOING: firm

Draw: 5f, 6f: low numbers best

2.0 BRIGHTON SPRING HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,777: 6f) (15 runners)

1	000-300	SINGING BOY (G Eden) C Spares 9-7	K Willey 5	11
2	4200-0	CORNCHARM (Corncharm Ltd) M McCormack 9-7	R Cochrane	9
3	4434-10	SHARP SHOT (CD) (BF) (Windflower Overseas Holdings) J Dunlop 9-5	P Waldron	14
5	40130-4	TRY ME (M Sinclair) M Ryan 9-2	–	7
7	41000-0	PEANDAY (B Boardman) H Beasley 8-12	M Fozzard 7	6
9	0-001	KIOWA (D) (T Ellis) P Haslam 8-10	G Sexton	1
10	000000-	BARBICAN AIRE (Mrs B O'Mara) P Butler 8-9	P Bloomfield 5	15
11	0000-00	LONELY STREET (BF) (G Wyeth) D Laing 8-8	P Cook	5
12	0330-00	KUWAIT DAY (Sheik Fahad) G Hutter 8-8	M Rimmer	3
13	10000-0	SURFING ERA (D) (J Oakden) A Ingham 8-5	R Still	13
14	0000-00	TENDER INCH (B) (T Marshall) M Usher 8-4	D McKay	12
15	0000-4	BARRANCA (Miss D Smyth) R Smyth 8-2	–	2
16	0000-0	PRONUPTIA BRIDE (E Young) D Dale 7-8	M L Thomas	10
18	04000-4	KITTALEY (J Neville) R Holder 7-7	S Dawson 5	4
19	0003-	DUBREE (T Nicholls) D Jermy 7-7	G Dickie 7	8

1983: Bold And Wolly 9-7 P Young (13-2) B Hanbury 18 ran.

4 Sharp Shot, 9-2 Kiowa, 4 Kuwait Day, Try Me, 6 Singing Boy, 8 Barranca, 10 Lonely Street, 14 Corncharm, 15 Kittaley, 20 others.

Brighton selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Kiowa, 2.30 SERHEED (nap), 3.0 Enchanted Castle, 3.30 The Targe, 4.0 Swinging Rebel, 4.30 What A Love.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Kiowa, 2.30 Voracity, 3.0 *Love Walked In*, 4.0 Rix Woodcock, 4.30 Saloum.

Michael Seely's selection 2.30 Serheed.

2.30 MADEIRA HANDICAP (£2,944: 1m 4f) (5)

1	21000-4	VORACITY (D) (Lady Derby) J Winter 5-10-0	P Waldron	3
2	030-133	ABERFIELD (CD) (G Kaye) P Kelleway 7-9-1	Gay Kelleway 5	2
4	410-211	SERHEED (D) (Fasl Racing Ltd) P Cole 4-8-6 (4 ex)	T Quinn 3	5
5	040-021	WANG FEIHOONG (D) (M Yong) P Haslam 4-8-0 (4 ex)	S Dawson 5	4
6	020-244	SHUTLAR'S FLING (R Shutlar) M Haynes 4-7-8	J Jenkinson	1

1983: Janus 5-8-4 B Rouse (2-1 fav) Mrs N Smith 9 ran.

4-5 Serheed, 3 Voracity, 6 Aberfield, 8 Wang Feihoong, 12 Shutlar's Fling.

3.0 MARINA STAKES (3-y-o: £822: 1m 2f) (11)

2	0320-01	ENCHANTED CASTLE (C) (Fasl Racing Ltd) P Cole 9-9	T Quinn 3	5
4	00-013	KEYOPS (D) (HH Kas Al-Said) G Hunter 9-6	P Cook	10
7	0000-40	COUNTRY PRINCE (D Hunnisett) R Smyth 9-0	T Williams 5	8
8	00-003	DICK KNIGHT (Mrs J Bailey) A Bailey 9-0	P Bloomfield 5	4
9	0000-03	EWELL PLACE (T Mills) A Ingham 9-0	D McKay	2
13	0004-4	LOVE WALKED IN (R E Bott 'Wigmore St' Ltd) J Winter 9-0	P Hamblett	6
15	00-4	SHENESTONE (A Clore) B Hills 9-0	R Hills	11
20	43-4	CARNET DE DANCE (Col F Hue-Williams) J Dunlop 8-11	P Waldron	1
22	3d03-00	GILT STAR (J Shack) P Kelleway 8-11	Gay Kelleway 5	9
23	0000-	I APPEAL (D Seale) R Hannon 8-11	A McGlone	3
24	0	JACKIE'S LASS (Mrs J Brown) R Hoad 8-11	R Curant	7

1983: Tom Okker 9-6 W Carson (4-11 fav) L Cumani 14 ran.

5-2 Enchanted Castle, 7-2 Carnet De Dance, 4 Love Walked In, 5 Keyops, 8 Dick Knight, 10 Shenestone, 12 Gilt Star, 14 others.

3.30 GORING SELLING STAKES (£993: 1m) (15)

2	22000-0	KWA ZULU (B) (D Scott) G Hunter 4-9-9	P Cook	14
3	/3000-0	MASKELL GOLD (Mrs M Padfield) H O'Neill 4-9-9	T Rogers	13
4	24-0000	MASTER CARVER (B) (J Pegley) D Wintle 4-9-9	A Dicks 7	5
6	0000-00	SARENA PLASTICS (B) (Serena Plastics) G Blum 4-9-9	NON-RUNNER	9
8	000-30	WALHAN (T Myles) P Mitchell 4-9-9	[illegible]	[illegible]
12	000-000	BARNABY GRANDE (G Mitchell) Pat Mitchell [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
14	00	FILS-DE-ROI (P Taylor) Peter Taylor 3-8-7	[illegible]	[illegible]
15	000-0	MEZIARA (G Chagoury) A Ingham 3-8-7	[illegible]	[illegible]
17	020040-	THE TARGE (Mrs B Wiggall) C Nelson 3-8-7	[illegible]	[illegible]
18	0-030	VITANGES (B) (Elmgate Management Ltd) [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
19	0000-40	GRAND ENTRANCE (Mrs N Vigors) N Vigors [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
20	00040-0	JAMEENA (R Shirley) R Howe 3-8-4	[illegible]	[illegible]
21	0-	JESSAM (R Hicks) R Simpson 3-8-4	[illegible]	[illegible]
22	000000-	PORTHAND (C Scott) R Holder 3-8-4	[illegible]	[illegible]
24	0	STATE FREE (Miss C Pearman) P Burgoyne [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

1983: (Div I) Monclare Trophy 4-9-9 B Rouse [illegible] (Div II) Jump Jar 4-9-9 D Nicholls (11-8) [illegible]

3 Miziara, 4 Vitanges, 5 The Targe, 6 Master Carver, 7 Grand Entrance, [illegible]

4.0 ALDRINGTON HANDICAP (£2,784: 7f) (10)

3	00-4030	SWINGING REBEL (CD) (B) (Mrs G Waddingham) [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
8	000300-	NO CONTEST (D) (P Dhariwal) D Dale 5-8-13	[illegible]	[illegible]
9	30-0000	VICEROY LAD (D) (B) (F Broom) R Hannon 5-8-13	[illegible]	[illegible]
10	00900-0	LANDSEER (K Browning) D Sasse 4-8-13	[illegible]	[illegible]
11	4000-00	BOND DEALER (D) (Mrs E Creal) B Swift 7-8-12	[illegible]	[illegible]
12	13000-3	RIX WOODCOCK (D Dein) P Kelleway 3-8-[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
18	3300-00	FORGE CLOSE (D) (Mrs P Brown) M Blanshard [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
21	00000-2	LOVING DOLL (Mrs M Langley-Pope) D Dale [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
22	000-044	SITEX (D) (Miss S Hayes-Sadler) M Bolton [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
23	0001-00	CLOSE TO YOU (CD) (E Etherington) Pat [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

1983: Korypheos 4-8-11 R McGhinn (8-1) [illegible]

9-4 Bond Dealer, 3 Rix Woodcock, 5 Swining Rebel, 6 Loving Doll, [illegible] Close To You, 14 others.

4.30 KITCHLING MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £1,481: 5f) (6)

1	023	ALBANY LAD (BF) (Mrs L Davies) 9-0	[illegible]	[illegible]
2	430	SALOUM (Swinton Holdings) M Hinchliffe 9-0	[illegible]	[illegible]
4		SUSSEX OVERSEAS (Sussex Overseas Services) [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
6	0	JUST BLAIR (Dr V Bolton) Pat Mitchell 8-11	[illegible]	[illegible]
9	430	MELODIOUS MISS (M Gillesian) D Lain 8-11	[illegible]	[illegible]
11	2	WHAT A LOVE (T Gregory) G Lewis 8-11	[illegible]	[illegible]

1983: Redhouse Charm 8-11 G Ramshaw [illegible]

4-5 What A Love, 7-2 Albany Lad, 6 Saloum, 8 Melodious Miss, [illegible] Overseas.

York results

Going: good to firm

2.0 ZETLAND STAKES (2-y-o: fillies: £3,349: 5f)

CHEPSTOW VALE gr f by Key To The Mint – Kushka (P McBean) 8-11....W Carson (4-1) 1
Kamaress br f by Kapala – I'm The Latest (M Brittain) 8-11.......B Coogan (25-1) 2
Happy Hannah gr f by Absalom – Autumn Ballad (W Gredley) 8-11.......Pat Eddery (7-1) 3

Also Ran: 9-4 fav Shipseys (4th), 5 Edna Lawn, 7 Sister Racine, (6th, 15-2 Northern Hope (5th), 16 Bit Of Fun, 20 Parade Girl. 9 ran. 1l, neck, 1½l, 1l, 1½l. W Hern at West Ilsley.

TOTE: Win: £3.90. Places: £1.50, £10.40, £1.20. DF: £96.20. CSF: £76.43. 1min 1.19sec.

2.35 B B A MIDDLETON STAKES (3-y-o: fillies: £3,791: 1m 2f 110yd)

GLOWING WITH PRIDE br f by Ile de Bourbon-Be Easy (Sir P Oppenheimer) 9-0.......Pat Eddery (11-4 fav) 1
Sea Ballet ch f by Pharly – Sea Singer (Sir M Sobell) 8-7.......W Carson (3-1) 2
Camden Milly b f by Camden Town – Milly Whiteway (G Kaye) 8-7.......G Duffield (20-1) 3

Also Ran: 5 Glimmering, 7 Vlassova (4th), 8 Be My Queen, 11 Streamertail (5th), Jenny Hill, 20 Amalee (6th), 25 Over Your Shoulder, Sidorenko. 7 ran. 2l, sh hd, 3l, neck, 2l. G Wragg at Newmarket.

Tote Win: £2.70. Places: £1.50, £1.70, £5.20. DF: £4.70. CSF: £11.46. 2min 11.89sec.

3.05 DAVID DIXON SPRINT TROPHY handicap (£9,973: 5f)

PAMPAS b f, by Pampapaul – Ribotingo (Mrs J Moore) 4-7-12.......W Carson (13-2) 1
Little Starchy b h, by Starch Reduced – Misty Morn (J Bugler) 6-8-3....B Rouse (12-1) 2
Cree Bay br g, by Bay Express – Porsanger (D Spencer) 5-7-11.......P Robinson (6-1 fav) 3
Relatively Sharp br f, by Sharpen Up – Alpine Niece (Mrs D Jones) 4-7-7 M Fry (12-1) 4

Also Ran: 7 Django (4th), Sharpish (5th), 8 Mummy's Treasure, 12 Contess Concorde, 14 Tobermory Boy, Sylvan Navarro (6th), 16 Rambling River, Lochtillum, 25 Boy Trumpeter, Broadwater Music, Mel's Choice, Durandal, Steel Charger. 17 ran. ¾l, ¾l, sh hd, 1½l, 1l. L Moore, in Ireland.

TOTE: Win: £3.50. Places: £1.20, £4.00, £1.80, £3.40. DF: £34.8S. CSF: £75.73. Tricast: £443.89. 58.53s.

3.40 MUSIDORA STAKES (Group 3: 3-y-o: fillies: £26,532: 1m 2f 110yd)

OPTIMISTIC LASS b f, by Mr Prospector – Loveliest (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-0 W R Swinburn (9-1) 1
Poquito Queen ch f, by Explodent – Senorita Poquito (R Bonnycastle) 9-0 S Cauthen (14-1) 2
Sandy Island b f, by Mill Reef – Sayonara (Lord Howard de Walden) 9-0 L Piggott (5-4 fav) 3

Also Ran: 7-2 Satinette (4th), 5 Clare Bridge, 11 Napula, 14 Ruff's Luck (6th), 33 Lallax (5th), Net Cord. 9 ran. 1½l, 1½l, 2l, 2½ neck. (M Stoute, Newmarket).

TOTE: Win: £9.00. Places: £2.00, £2.10, £1.10. DF: £51.80. CSF: £109.27. 2m 10.38s.

4.10 KNAVESMIRE STORY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £4,448: 1m 1f)

BARRY SHEENE b c, by Camden Town – La Gamberge (Mrs A Ferguson) 9-0 W Carson (5-2 Fav) 1
Rixie ch c, by Dominion – Miss Lollypop (D Fisher) 8-6.......P Robinson (6-1) 2
Incisive ch c, by Sharpen Up – Fair Sousanne (Lady Howard de Walden) 8-10 K Hodgson (10-1) 3

Also Ran: 6 Moulton Boy (4th), 7 Trendy Gent, 10 Sams Wood, 11 Storm Ruler (5th), 14 Benz, Chekov, 16 Captain Vigilante (6th), All Fair, 20 Messon Grange, 33 Springle. 13 ran. 1½l, 2l, neck, 4l, head. J Dunlop, at Arundel.

TOTE: Win: £3.40. Places: £1.80, £2.50, £2.10. DF: £8.30. CSF: £18.33. Tricast: £108.59. 1m 50.89s.

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BAYNOUN br c, by Sassafras – Busarella (H H Aga Khan) 8-13.......S Cauthen (4-7 Fav) 1
Boredino ch c, by Busting – Alma (C B Lomax) 8-7.......R P Elliott (14-1) 2
Water Cannon b g, by Gunner B – Awash (G Parkinson) 8-10.......M Hills (14-1) 3

Also Ran: 15-2 Woodway, 10 Meadowbrook (6th), 12 Estoc, San Carlos (4th), 20 Wing And A Prayer, 25 The Closer (5th), 33 Lucistes, Oceanus, Papageno. 12 ran. 3l, 4l, 1½l, 2l, 4l. R Houghton at Blewbury.

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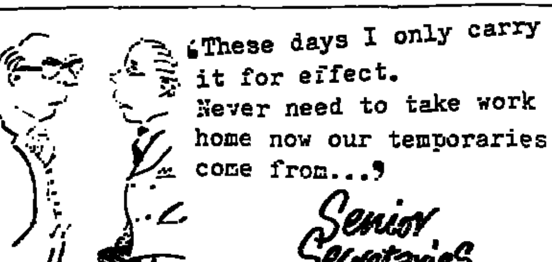
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Breaking into double figures

■ Sturgis and Son, estate agents in south-west London since 1907, have reached double figures in their expansion plan with the opening of their 10th office at Richmond. Originally Sturgis were a building firm, and they carried out the development of what was known as the Grosvenor estate off Upper Richmond Road West. Then the estate office sold mainly houses built by Sturgis, but after the building side closed during the second world war, the estate office took over. From their experience in the area. Sturgis see Clapham as the most improved market because it can still *accommodate the first-time* buyer. One-bedroom flats have recently increased by about £3,000 (10 per cent) because, they say, of the improved purchasing power of buyers through rising incomes, lower mortgage rates and the reduction in stamp duty. They believe Chelsea and Knightsbridge areas are "catching up" in price with the improvement in the general economy, and as they celebrate their 10th office describe the market in that honourable estate agents' way as "buoyant'..

■ **Great Martins, in the Berkshire village of Shurlock Row, has been sold on behalf of Mr Julian Wills by Knight Frank and Rutley in conjunction with Simmons and Lawrence of Twyford. The sale price has not been *disclosed, but the asking* price was over £800,000 for this fine Grade II listed house, built in 1840 and standing in 15 acres of grounds which include its own cricket pitch.**

■ A new variation on the theme of property shops, providing a cheap alternative to estate agents, is provided by Property Board Ltd., of Bournemouth (0202 22551), who use computers to link a chain of appointed newsagents from West Dorset to the Kent coast. For a £27 registration fee the newsagent will display a property with its picture for up to six months. Details from all participating newsagents are registered on a central computer and are available to any purchaser who may be looking for property in another area.

■ **It took two men three weeks with power tools to cut a recess for a wardrobe in a house now for sale at Hythe, Kent, largely because the walls are 13 feet thick at ground level. The house is a converted Martello Tower, one of 74 round towers built at the beginning of the nineteenth century to defend the Kent and Essex coasts. This most unusual family house, with sun room on the top floor, is on offer at £82,500 through Ward and Partners' Hythe office.**

■ Jackson-Stops and Staff's Chester office are selling Brackenber Hall, Brackenber, near Appleby, on the fringe of the Lake District, a property with considerable leisure potential, for around £150,000. The hall, a Grade II listed country house, has five bedrooms, with a self-contained three-bedroom annexe suitable for letting.

The Miller's House, Kintbury, near Newbury, Berkshire, a village house built at the end of the nineteenth century, is for sale through Lane Fox and Partners, who are asking for offers around *£175,000*. As well as the family house there is a substantial detached garage/stable block with potential for conversion into a single dwelling. The main house has three main reception rooms, a conservatory, four/five bedrooms, three bathrooms and a garden of nearly half an acre. The stable block has had planning consent, and the local council has indicated "sympathetic treatment" for a proposal to convert it, as it is now in a conservation area.

Retiring gracefully into Arundel

Batworth Park at Arundel is an elegant country house which was formerly owned by the Duke of Norfolk, and it stands just one mile from Arundel Castle. It is surrounded by trees on one side and has views of the sea (on a clear day) on the other.

In the last two years it has been converted into nine spacious apartments, while a further 12 apartments have been built on either end, reflecting similar period features. The development, in three acres of landscaped gardens, is the work of *Fountain Retirement Housing Association* Ltd., 12 Gay Street, Bath, and is a good example of provision for older people at the upper end of the market.

The apartments, of one and two bedrooms, are priced between £59,500 *and £72,500, and seven remain* to be sold. The intention is to give the owners, whether they are retired, are people wishing to cut down on gardening and maintenance, or simply seeking a retreat in the country, a trouble-free home.

The management and service charge is £1,250 (+ VAT) a year, which seems a lot, but it covers a comprehensive package. There is a resident secretary to provide 24-hour security, and the package covers the maintenance of gardens and grounds, of buildings, drive and paths, the insurance of buildings and window cleaning.

There is also a register of local domestic help, local handymen and nurses, a car service to Arundel or elsewhere each morning, a guest room, and a luncheon service provided by a local restaurant.

Retirement homes represent one of the fastest growing markets in housing provision, yet Batworth Park is not called a "retirement" home because some people do not appreciate the type-casting. "But if people cannot see what it is, they will not come here," David Barker, managing director, explains.

"What we have tried to do is to create for people homes of their own: totally independent but providing services to help them if they want them."

One lady who moved into Batworth Park explained how relieved she felt to have no garden to look after, and the worry of maintaining a large house is one of the reasons for moving to such an apartment. Another resident is entertaining more than before because there is more time without having to care for the upkeep of a house.

They are people who have taken the big decision to move, but the retirement home market is slow to respond, despite the increasing demand, because faced with the important decisions older people are not good at taking them, Mr Barker says.

At Batworth Park, each apartment is different, but they all have large living rooms, several with a bay window overlooking the garden. They are fully carpeted and fitted with entry phones and call systems, and the kitchens are fitted with a split level *cooker, but not provided with a* fridge. Garages are available, for an extra £2,750, to complete the "total package".






RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

This country house market is blessed with good manors

By Christopher Warman
Property correspondent

The title Lord of the Manor is a proud one and redolent of history, and it has become increasingly sought after. A recent sale by Strutt and Parker of 47 lordships fetched about £300,000, the top price – a record – going for the lordship of Blackmore in Essex at £14,100.

Purchasers of the lordships become the owners of historical manorial rolls and documents but little else, and even then the documents are so precious and fragile that they must remain in the custody of the Master of the Rolls for safety.

The sale attracted about 400 people hoping to purchase the right to call themselves Lord of the Manor, and many were disappointed. For them and others it might be worth considering the purchase of the manor house itself, which in most cases has become divorced from the rights of lordship over the years.

It will be somewhat more expensive, but it too has evocative historical associations, and what good is a title anyway?

The continuity of ownership of many manor houses is illustrated by Oxenham Manor at South Tawton, Okehampton, Devon, an early eighteenth century Grade II listed house on the site of a thirteenth century property, surrounded by its own agricultural land and situated on the edge of the Dartmoor national park.

Oxenham Manor derives *its name* from the submanor of the same name and was held by the chief of the manor of South Tawton in the *hundred of Wonford. It is understood* that the Oxenham family lived at the manor house from the reign of Henry III in the thirteenth century until 1814. Then, the manor had with it a much larger estate including a number of farms, and until the twentieth century the owners were still exercising manorial rights.

One of the Oxenhams – Captain John Oxenham – was an Elizabethan navigator who is believed to have sailed with Drake and whose adventures are mentioned in Kingsley's *Westward Ho!* It is thought there has been a manor house on the same site from the early thirteenth century, but the present house was probably built by William Oxenham in 1714, which date, with the Oxenham arms, is carved on the gateposts at the bottom of the drive.

The stone house has oak mullion windows, a Jacobean staircase and oak and pine panelling in some of the reception rooms, and the accommadation includes four reception rooms, five/six bedrooms, two bathrooms, an extensive loft and a range of granite outbuildings. It is protected by 32 acres of gardens, paddocks and copse, and Michelmore Hughes of Exeter, in association with Strutt and Parker, give a guide price of £165,000 for the freehold.



The early eighteenth-century Oxenham Manor at South Tawton, on the edge of the Dartmoor National Park, with historical associations dating back to the thirteenth century, which is for sale at around £165,000

The manor house at Hamstead Marshall near Newbury forms the centrepiece of the Craven Hill estate which has been in the Craven family since 1620 and which is being sold by the eighth Earl of Craven and the trustees of the Craven settled estate. Steeped in history, the first manor house was Saxon and was destroyed in 1233 as a penalty for the treason of its owner, Richard Marshall.

It was rebuilt in 1235, and replaced in 1560 by Sir Thomas Parry, who had been given it by Queen Elizabeth. That was pulled down a century later to make way for a "miniature Heidelberg", which in turn was burned to the ground in about 1719 to be replaced by the sixth and present manor house. After coming into the possession of the crown in Tudor times it passed from Henry VII to Cardinal Wolsey to Edward VI and then Queen Elizabeth. It was finally sold to the Craven family in 1620.

The manor house itself, Hamstead Lodge, a Grade II listed building, is at present let as a nursing home (the lease expires in 1987). but the sporting and agricultural estate also has two other residences, cottages and other buildings, and fishing in the River Kennet. The estate is to be sold at public auction in June unless sold previously, and Dreweatt Watson and Barton, of Donnington, Newbury, are seeking a price well in excess of £3m.

Shipton Oliffe is a Cotswold manor house with a stream running through the garden. It is being sold by Jackson-Stops and Staff's Cirencester office with an asking price of about £250,000. It is understood to date in part from the twelfth century.

The accommodation has five reception rooms including a billiard room, five bedrooms and three bathrooms, and a staff wing with four bedrooms. Next to the house is an office and store which could be converted to a flat or office block subject to planning permission, and the nine-acre grounds have a tributary of the River Coln running through, and a small trout lake.

Evelith Manor is an early Georgian manor house which was formerly a dower house for the Kenyon-Slaney family, situated near Shifnal, Shropshire, and not far from the Ironbridge Gorge, which presumably provided some of the interior decorations such as the Coalbrook tiles in the reception *hall. The house* has a Grecian-style pillared portico, and includes four reception rooms, five bedrooms and an unusual tower room with windows *in all four sides. There is also* an annex with four rooms, and a feature of the property is the five-acre garden dotted with woodland glades, formal lawns and a water *garden.*

There are a further 13 acres of pasture and Andrew Grant of Worcester are asking for offers of *£175,000.*

Manor houses date from all periods, and Knight Frank and Rutley are offering one from the seventeenth and one from the early eighteenth century. The Old Manor, Harwell, Northamptonshire, dating from the seventeenth century, is believed to *have been formerly owned by the* Duke of Grafton, and has been recently thatched and renovated. The accomodation includes two reception *rooms and five bedrooms, and the* guide price is £115,000. Ropley Manor, Ropley, Alresford, Hampshire, dates from the Queen Anne *period and is set in grounds of about* 16.5 acres. It has four reception rooms, two bedrooms suites and four further bedrooms, a stable block, staff wing, swimming pool and a hard tennis court, and offers around £500,000 are being sought.

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THERE IS A SORE EVIL which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt. Ecclesiastes 5:13

BIRTHS

ATTWELL. – On 14th May to Jane and John, a son, William John, a brother to Bruno and Buster.

BARCLAY. – On April 26th to Diana (nee Palmer) and Michael, a daughter, Helen Marie.

BOOTH. – On May 12th, at St Theresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Caroline (nee Anderson) and Peter, a son, brother for Philippa and Emma.

BROWN. – On May 12, to Ruth (nee Easton) and Michael, a son, Nicholas Richard Turner, a brother for Anna and Laura.

BUCKNELL. – On May 2, to Hilde and Roger, a daughter (Rosalind Maria Nicola), sister to Colin and Alison.

COY. – On May 11th to Caroline (nee Lowe) and Graham, at King's College Hospital, a son, Jeremy Alistair, a brother for Nicholas.

MARRIAGES

DEATHS

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FULLER, EDWARD HAMILTON FLEETWOOD (Tony) – On May 8th in Weybridge, after a long illness. Beloved husband of Pauline and father of Richard and Julia. Funeral on Friday, May 18th at 3 pm. at Neston Church, Corsham, Wilts. *Memorial service to be announced later.* Enquiries to Merrett, Corsham 713134.

GIBB On May 13th peacefully in hospital, Iris Elesaid Balfour, aged 82, of Southwood, Cranleigh, wife of the late Cecil Gibb, dear mother of Ian and Elizabeth and loving grandmother, great grandmother and aunt. Funeral to be arranged.

GILMOUR. – On May 9th after a climbing accident in the Drakensberg mountains, South Africa, Malcolm P.D., *aged 27 years, much loved younger* son of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs Gilmour, Tatsfield, Westerham, Kent. Service at St Mary's, Tatsfield, at 11am, Thursday, 31st May.

HARRISON F. C. (Cliff) artist at Eastbourne on 13th May 1984 aged 82. Cremation at Langney, Eastbourne 9.30, 18th May.

JOHNSON – on 12th May 1984 Frederick, aged 69 years of 62 Ashby Road, Woodville, Burton on Trent, Chartered Accountant, dearly loved *son of Mary and the late Frederick.* Funeral Service at St Helens Church, Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire on Friday 18th May at 12 noon, followed by interment. Family flowers only. Donations if so desired for Staunton Harold Cheshire Home, c/o Ginns and Gutteridge Ltd. Funeral Directors of Leicester. Tel 36117.

KNOX. – On May 13, 1984, at a Barnet nursing home, Archibald Septimus Knox, FINST, (CE, MIE(Ind)), of *Beaconsfield, much loved father of* Margaret Forster and son in law Pat. Cremation private.

LAL – On 14th May, peacefully, Bridget Ann of 115 Constantine Rd, Hampstead, beloved wife of Shel, *much loved mother of Joanna, Adam* and Tara. Funeral on Thursday 17th May at St John's Parish Church, Hampstead at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Golders Green Crematorium. No flowers please, donations to Cancer Research Fund.

LAWRENCE. – On May 13 at Sloane Hospital, Beckenham, peacefully Charles Francis, beloved husband of Marion and father of Michael and Katy. Funeral service at Beckenham Crematorium on Friday May 18 at 3.40pm. No flowers by request. Donations may be sent to Cancer Research

LEIGHTON – On Friday 11th May ...

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Trials will be held on Saturday, 2nd June, 1984, for Catholic boys aged 7 to 9. Generous Choral Awards available. Most Choristers proceed to Public Schools at thirteen with music scholarships. Enquiries welcomed by The Headmaster, Westminster Cathedral Choir School, Ambrosden Avenue, London SW1P 1QH.

BOOTH, Sydney Booth late of 16 Harwill Crescent, Aspley, Nottingham died at Nottingham on *5th September 1983 (Estate about £9,000).* **DAVIES** otherwise Davis, Laurie Davies otherwise Davis, Spinster, late of 11A Keeling Street, Tipton, West Midlands died at Halesowen, West Midlands on 21st November 1981 (Estate about *£12,750).* **ELSTON,** Alfred Charles Edward Elston late of The Grove, Horton Lane, Epsom, Surrey died there on 23rd October 1982 (Estate about £8,100). **KING,** Edward Albert King late of The Holt, Fisher Road, Canterbury, Kent died there on 6th March 1983 (Estate about £11,000). **SHOLL,** Henry John Sholl otherwise John Henry Sholl late of 29 Gertrude Street, Chelsea, London SW10 died at Chelsea on 14th September 1933 (Estate about £15,000). The kin of the above named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B V.J. Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

HOLIDAY EXCHANGE – SPAIN. Spanish family seek holiday exchange for their daughter aged 18 and/or son aged 16, with English speaking children. Month of August. Please contact Jaime Sartorius, Urumea 9, Madrid 2. Tel: Madrid (010-34-1) 261-8215 or 457-8474.

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SCUDAMORE, Col Charles Gilbert, deceased. Will anyone having any knowledge of a will of the above-named deceased *late of Canon Pyon* House, Canon Pyon, Hereford, who died on the 26th March, 1984, please contact Messrs T. A. Matthews & Co., of 6 & 7 King Street, Hereford, within fourteen days of this Notice.

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HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Fern Britton at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; Pam Tibbett's television choice at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18; Mike Smith with the new Top Ten between 7.55 and 8.00; horoscopes at 8.38; Mother to Be item between 8.30 and 9.00.

9.00 *Claire Rayner's Casebook.* The problem page lady talks to three people who have *suffered from* both Anorexia and Bulimia (r). **9.25** Ceefax. **10.30** Play School, presented by *Brian Jameson (r).* **10.55** Gharbar. Magazine programme for Asian women. *The programme includes a* discussion about diabetes and new insulin. **11.20** Ceefax.

12.30 *News After Noon.* **12.57** Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles). **1.00** Pebble Mill at One includes a look at the future of space exploration and a song from Marie Wilson. **1.45** Pigeon Street. A See-Saw programme for the very young (r).

2.00 The Great Liners. The third and final part of Robert Wall's *history of the majestic ships.* **2.30** Film: Dangerous Mission (1954) starring Victor Mature. Thriller about a manhunt in Montana's Glacier National Park. Directed by Louis King. **3.40** Cartoon: MGM's The Little Mole. **3.53** Regional news (not London).

3.55 Play School, presented by Liz Watts. **4.20** The Perils of Penelope Pitstop. Cartoon series (r) (Ceefax titles page 170). **4.40** Take Two. Junior version of Did You See? presented by Josephine *Buchan. Sporting Chance and* Break Point are the programmes under the *microscope.* **5.05** John Craven's Newsround. **5.15** Silas. Part one of a series about the life of a young circus boy one hundred years ago.

5.40 Sixty Minutes.

6.40 Cartoon. Tom and Jerry in Old Rockin' Chair Tom.

6.50 Terry and June. A video recorder is Terry's new toy and he soon learns never to volunteer to record a programme for someone especially if that someone is the boss (r) (Ceefax titles page 170).

7.20 Film: The Cincinnati Kid (1965) starring Steve McQueen, Edward G. Robinson and Ann-Margaret. Gambling drama with *McQueen in the title role, the* pretender to the title The Man, the ultimate five card stud *accolade currently held by* Lancey Howard (Edward G. Robinson). Directed by Norman Jewison (Ceefax titles page 170).

9.00 News with John Humphrys.

9.25 Q.E.D. A Walk on the Wild Side. A documentary about London's wild cats (see *Choice – Ceefax titles page* 170).

9.55 Sportsnight introduced by Desmond Lynam. Highlights of the European Cup Winners Cup Final between Juventus and *FC Porto;* the start of Harry Carpenter's three-part look at the history of the *Olympic Games; plus* a preview of Saturday's FA Cup Final.

11.00 The Rockford Files. Gentleman Jim is on the trail of the missing granddaughter of *his father's best friend (r).*

11.50 News headlines and weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Nick Owen and John Stapleton. News from Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.35; exercises at 6.50 and 9.15; star romance at 6.40 and 8.15; the day's anniversaries at 7.05 and 8.13; cartoon at 7.23; guest of the day, Sir Terence Conran, at 7.40; pop video at 7.55; Eve Pollard's gossip column at 8.33.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames News headlines **9.30** For Schools: Part two of the drama about 'latchkey' children **9.47** Questioning the traditional sex roles **10.04** The impact in Britain of the arrival of the Vikings **10.21** Nuclear issues **10.50** The reproductive system including menstruation **11.10** A visit to a farm museum **11.22** Maths: large numbers **11.40** Historical clues along the Leeds and Liverpool canal.

11.55 Wattoo-Wattoo. Cartoon series **12.00** Atarah's Music. Making the sound of an oboe with a drinking straw **12.10** Sounds Like a Story. Mark *Wynter with the traditional tale* of the Three Billy Goats Gruff (r) **12.30** The Sullivans.

1.00 News **1.20** Thames news **1.30** A Plus. A preview of the new production of West Side Story which opens tonight at London's Her Majesty's Theatre, 25 years ater it was first performed in the same theatre.

2.00 Take the High Road. **2.30** A Country Practice. Series *about a medical practice in the* Australian outback **3.30** Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Atarah's Music. *A repeat of* the programme shown at noon **4.15** Cartoon Time. Cracked Quake (r) **4.20** Andy Robson. Welcome repeat of the serial about a young boy who goes to live in Northumberland at the turn of the century **4.50** Razzmatazz **5.15** Emmerdale Farm.

5.45 News **6.00** Thames news.

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of the Jewish Welfare Board, an organisation that provides social services for the Jewish community and *who, in this their 125th* anniversary year, are concentrating their efforts in *helping the elderly and the* mentally ill.

6.35 Crossroads. Sid Hooper is *informed by wife Mavis that* she intends to divorce him.

7.00 The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady. Part 12: December. It is now 1920 and a sick Edith remembers the *happy times earlier in the* century. To cheer herself up she packs her painting materials and makes for Kew Gardens. The last episode (Oracle titles page 170).

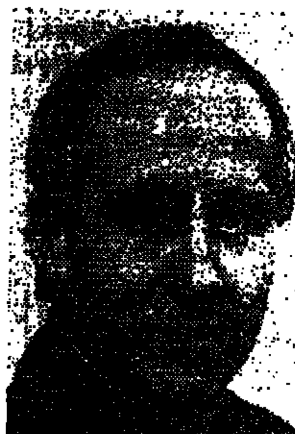
7.30 *Coronation Street.* Ivy Tilsley's holiday plans don't work out (Oracle titles page 170).

8.00 Film: Somewhere in Time (1980) starring Christopher Reeve, Jane Seymour and Christopher Plummer. Tear-jerking love story about a playwright who falls in love with the picture of a turn of the century actress, Elise McKenna, and goes back in time to court the young lady. Directed by Jeannot Szwarc.

10.00 News.

10.30 Quatermass. *The second and* final part of the science fiction drama starring John Mills, *Simon MacCorkindale* Brewster Mason and Margaret Tyzack. Quatermass's problem with the growing mystery may be helped by an elderly scientists he encounters (r).

12.25 Night Thoughts.



Gary Watson: Six Centuries of Verse (Channel 4 9.00pm)

CHOICE

● A creature that has survived wild *in this country for 1500 years is in* danger of disappearing. This creature, the feral cat, is the subject of a lighthearted but nonetheless fascinating Q.E.D. programme, **A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE** (BBC1, 9.25pm) which examines the way of life of the wild urban feline. Unlike their domesticated cousins – disparagingly dismissed as "animated ornaments" – the ferals live in well defined colonies of about 17, using their own devices for sustenance but sometimes, as the programme shows, finding themselves adopted by someone who is likely to be a pensioner, female and living alone, who spends a goodly proportion of her pension to buy food for them in exchange for company and affection. This kind of behaviour is frowned upon by the *likes of Islington Borough Council* who seek to neuter their feral population in an attempt to solve what they look upon as a "problem". Joy is Islington's number one moggy mugger, trapping them in a cage on a street safari, to be whisked away for castration – an operation that looks disarmingly simple on screen. But not everybody feels the same way as Islington Borough Council about ferals. These individualists have a champion in biologist Roger Tabor who has spent his working life studying the feral. He is seen *ingratiating himself with the heirs of* T. S. Eliot's "Jellicle" cats in London's Fitzroy Square. He lucidly *explains why he believes councils* and others are over-reacting in their efforts to deplete the colonies and it *is his earnest integrity that wins the* debate – for this viewer at least.

● The complexities of Middle *English are skilfully unravelled by* the remarkable voice of Gary Watson in tonight's edition of **SIX CENTURIES OF VERSE** (Channel 4, 9.00pm) which spotlight's the works of Geoffrey Chaucer and in particular his Pardoner's Tale. Watson speaks the opening verses of the Canterbury Tales with an ease that illustrates the beauty of our early language, but for those unacquainted with the strange, for today, pronunciation, there is subtitled translation into modern English. For the dramatisation of the Pardoner's Tale the programme uses *Nevill Coghill's modern version* which, faithful though it is to Chaucer's original, lacks its *dramatic impact. Nevertheless,* the story's main theme – greed – is delightfully interpreted by Brian *Coburn, Nicholas Gecks and* Gerrard McAuthur.

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Cosmology Before Newton. **6.30** Emperor Augustus: Portrait and Image. **6.55** Sodium Chemistry. **7.20** Moral Responsibility. **7.45** Changing Sea Levels. Ends at 8.10.

9.10 Daytime on Two: The life of a student at university. **9.38** Seeds and plants. **10.00** A *mother takes her daughter to* the supermarket. **10.15** Maths for CSE students. **10.40** *Posers* for 10 and 11-year-olds. **10.45** Ceefax. **11.00** Words and pictures. **11.17** *Promoting tourism in poorer* countries. **11.39** Statistics: Probability and sampling. **12.05** Extracts from French *speaking television networks.* **12.30** Ceefax. **2.01** Tree trunks. **2.18** Part two of the play Hungry Times set in Saxon times (with subtitles for the hearing impaired). **2.40** The ancient Olympic Games.

3.00 Ceefax.

5.10 Writing Together. An Open University production that examines the methods used by teachers to encourage pupils to write stories collectively (r).

5.35 News summary.

5.40 Film: The Battle of the Sexes* (1959) starring Peter Sellers, Robert Morley and Constance Cummings. An old established cloth manufacturers with out-dated business methods engages a business efficiency *expert to bring them into the* 20th century. Her proposals drive the company accountant to thoughts of murder.

7.00 100 Great Sporting Moments. The 1969 Open Golf *Championship.*

7.15 Steel City Blues. The affect on Sheffield's population of the *return to the First Division of* the Football League of Sheffield Wednesday after a period of 14 years.

7.45 Facing Up to 40: The Best We Can Do. Judith Hann examines ways to stay young.

8.10 Chronicle: The Wreck of the Mary Rose. The fourth report *on the refurbishment of the* Tudor warship.

9.00 Entertainment USA presented by Jonathan King. There is a film location report from Miami and an interview with author Robert Ludlum plus news from Fort Lauderdale on the teenage phenomenon, Spring Break.

9.30 Play: The Mourning Brief, by Desmond Hogan. Drama about a son's return from England to see his dying father in Ireland.

10.20 Ebony. Tonight's programme includes an item on the likelihood of the election of black MPs.

10.50 Newsnight.

11.35 A Cook's Tour. Glynn Christian samples the tastes of Turkey (r).

11.55 Open University: Topology: Classifying Surfaces *Geometrically. 12.20 Inquiry:* Plate Tectonics. Ends at 12.50.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 *Racing from York introduced* by Brough Scott. Coverage of four races – the Tattersalls' Yorkshire Stakes (2.35); the Mecca-Dante Stakes (3.10); the Hambleton Stakes (3.40); and the Glasgow Stakes (4.10).

4.30 Cartoon Carnival.

5.00 Countdown. Another round of the fast-moving words and numbers competition.

5.30 Great Walks. Part three and the Gilbert family from Yorkshire tackle the wild north of Scotland when they walk *from Cape Wrath lighthouse to* Sandwood Bay, studying the birdlife and the rock structures along the way.

6.00 Passage to Britain. Part five: The Poles – Betrayed! The majority of Poles settled in Britain between the years 1945 and 1950 and looked upon themselves not as *immigrants but as political exiles* waiting for their homeland to slip the yoke of *Russia. It was thought that* second generation Poles would not feel so strongly about wanting to return to their parents' country but with the emergence of Solidarity and the election of a Polish pope, young Poles' nationalism has been re-kindled.

6.30 Daley Thompson's Bodyshop. The decathlete's guest this week is the overweight writer and actor Colin Welland. He *joins Daley and the Fulham* Rugby League Club in a rigorous training schedule. *The programme also* examines the problems of keeping fit and in good shape during middle age with advice from Dr Alan Kingdom.

7.00 Channel Four News.

7.50 *Comment. The political spot* this week is taken by Jeremy Hanley, Conservative MP for Richmond and Barnes.

8.00 Brookside. Rose breaks down when she is persuaded to ring her brother.

8.30 Diverse Reports. Is pop music playing an important part in *teenagers lives or is it mere* entertainment? Ian Birch, features editor of the magazine Smash Hits, examines the industry to find the answer.

9.00 *Six Centuries of Verse.* Part three examines works of Geoffrey Chaucer. With Gary Watson speaking the opening of the Canterbury Tales in the original Middle English (see Choice).

9.30 Film: The Raft of Medusa (1980) A Yugoslav-made film, set in the 1920s, about the effect the arrival of four strangers has on the lives of two village women teachers (subtitled).

11.20 Visions. Italy – The Image Business. A survey of Italian cinema today including an interview with Sergio Leone.

12.15 Ian Breakwell's Continuous *Diary*

12.20 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 *News Briefing; Weather.*
6.10 Farming Today. **6.25** Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 *News Summary. 6.45 Prayer for* the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves.†
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time visits Scotland.
10.30 Morning Story: 'The Elusive Schnauzer' by Donald Bancroft.
10.45 Daily Service.
11.00 News; Travel; Origins at York. The Jorvik Viking Centre, in the *Coppergate area of York, which* will be inaugurated by HRH The Prince of Wales on 17th May.
11.48 Just Like You and Me: 'The *Amateur Photographer'* – Johnny Morris calls on his 25 years of dealing with animals.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice.
12.27 Curlew in Autumn by Edward Boyd (6) 12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 *News; Woman's Hour.*
3.00 News; Afternoon Theatre: 'Winning Ways' by Margery Mason.†
3.47 *I Got Up Out of My Seat.* People's response to evangelist Billy Graham's meetings.
4.00 News; The Last Wilderness.
4.40 Story Time: 'Hunt the Slipper' by Violet Trefusis (3).
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 *My Music Musical panel game†*
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Checkpoint with Roger Cook.
7.45 In Business. The programme which goes to the shopfloors an boardrooms across the country, with Peter Hobday.
8.15 Pride of the Parlour (s). Ten-part series in which Jeremy Siepmann casts a benign but occasionally *cynical eye on the history of* music-making in the home (2). Pastime with Good Company.
8.45 Analysis. The way *Mrs Ghandi* handles Sikh extremists' demands for an independent state could determine her own future and that of India as a unified state.
9.30 Persona Grata. Robert Robinson *talks of his three favourite* humorous characters from fiction.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'Against the Stream' by James Hanley (8).
10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.0 News Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast.

England: VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel. *10.45-12.0 For Schools:* 10.45 Radio History. 11.5 Singing Together. 11.25 Movement and Drama 2. 11.45-12.0 Mother *Tongue Song and Story.* 1.55-2.0pm Listening Corner. 2.0-3.0 For Schools: 2.0 The Music Box. 2.15 Introducing Geography. 2.35 Pictures in Your Mind (Poetry). 2.45-3.0 Nature. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.0 Study on 4: Caribbean Links (6). 11.30-12.10 Open University: 11.30 The Romantic Poets. 11.50 Education Bulletin. 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-time Broadcasting: CSE English 12.30 Introducing 'Lark Rise to Candleford' 12.50 Introducing 'The Royal Hunt of the Sun'.

Robert Maxwell in today's Woman's Hour (Radio 4, 2.00pm)

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice. Crusell's Clarinet quartet No 1 (Thea King); Massenet's Meditation Thais; Schumann's Cello Concerto Op 129 (Paul Tortelier).† 8.00 News.
8.05 *Midweek Choice part two:* Telemann's trumpet concerto in D (John Wilbraham); Litolff's Op 102 Scherzo; Vaughan Williams's Pastoral Symph (Margaret Price, soprano). † 9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Chopin; Scherzo Op 31 (Michelangeli, piano); Op 74 songs (Teresa Zylis-Garo, Soprano); Etudes Op 25 (Maurizio Pollini, piano); Sonata No 2, Op 35 (Martha Argerich, piano). †
10.00 Frank Martin. Tempest excerpts. Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau (baritone). Composer conducts Berlin Philharmonic Orch.†
10.25 Violin (Isabelle Flory) and piano *(Jacques Delannoy). Lekeu,* Franck, Fauré (r).†
11.15 Premieres. Lizst (Son Sanche) and Wagner (Doch jetzt, Sanste Wehmut). First broadcasts.†
12.15 Concert Hall. Prazak Quartet from Broadcasting House. Dvorak Cypresses 2, 7 and 12; Smetana String Quartet No 1.† 1.00 News.
1.05 Duke Ellington: band leader.†
1.30 Matinee Musicale. BBC Concert Orchestra. William Bennett (flute), Clifford Benson (piano). Includes Smetana's Overture The Bartered Bride; Delius's First Cuckoo; Rabaud's Eclogue; Elgar's Bavarian Dances. Also Caplet's Petite Valse; George *Hue's Fantasy; Taffanel's* Fantaisie on themes from Francoise de Rimini by Ambrose Thomas.†
2.30 Bruckner. *String Quintet in F.* Fitzwilliam String Quartet, Carolyn Sparey (viola) (r).†
3.15 Beethoven. Symph No 3 (Eroica). Royal Philharmonic Orch.†
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Wells Cathedral. Leighton Responses, Stanford Anthem, Murrill Canticles.† 4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure. Presented by Jeremy Siepmann.†
6.30 *Debut. First Radio 3 recital by* Robert Aldwinckle (harpsichord). Works by Handel.†
7.00 Music Group of London. Piano trios by Mozart (K 548). Ravel (A min).†
8.00 Brighton Festival. Antoni Wit conducts Crakow Radio Symph Orch in Bruckner' Symph No 3. Brighton Festival Chorus. The soloists include Jadwiga Gadulanka, Vera Baniewicz, William Kendall and Andrej Leonard Mroz.†
9.00 Six Continents. Presented by Ian *McDougall.*
9.20 Brighton Festival concert: part two. Krzystof Penderecki conducts first UK performance of his Te Deum.†
10.15 Secret Destinations. Charles Causley reads his recent poetry.
10.45 Tippett. *Piano sonata No 3. Paul* Crossley (r).†
11.15 News. Until 11.18

VHF ONLY – OPEN UNIVERSITY: *6.35-6.55 am Open Forum:* Students magazine 11.10-11.40 pm Autonomy of the State.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 9.00pm). Major Bulletins: 7.00am, 8.00, 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight. *Headlines:* 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30. 4.00am Bill Rennells† 5.30 Ray Moore† 7.30 Terry Wogan inc† 8.31 Racing Bulletin. 10.00 Jimmy Young. His guest is Labour leader Neil Kinnock.† 12.00pm Steve Jones inc† 1.05; 2.02 Sports Desk. 2.05 *Judith Chalmers inc† 3.02 Sports Desk.* 3.10 Racing from York: The Mecca Dante Stakes. 3.30 Music All The Way inc† 3.40 Racing from York: The Hambleton Stakes Handicap. 4.02 Sports Desk. 4.05 David Hamilton inc† 5.05; 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.05 John *Dunn inc† 6.45 Sport and Classified* Results (mf only). 7.30 Cricket Scores. 8.00 Cast. In Order of Disappearance. A new six part thriller series starring Francis Matthews, Fiona Hendly. 1: Baron Hardup. 8.30 BBC Radio Orchestra Tonight's star vocalist is *Carol Nielsson, and the presenter is* Bill Rennells. The guest conductor is David Whitaker.† 9.15 Syd Lawrence in Concert from the Playhouse Theatre, *Manchester† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00* The Golden Years with Alan Keith. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 B. A. Robertson presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Patrick Lunt presents Nightride† 3.00 Mike Sammes Singers† *3.30-4.00 Maryetta and Vernon Midgley.* This is a second chance to hear the programme first broadcast last Sunday.†

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and then 12.00 midnight 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies, *including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00pm* Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 David Jensen. At 8.00, music enthusiasts are invited to the studio to play selections from their collections of favourite music. 10.00-12.00 John Peel† VHF Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Omnibus. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News. 7.30 *That's Trad. 7.45 Report on Religion.* 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Peebles' Choice. 8.30 I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 These Musical Islands. 10.15 Patrick Martyn's Music Box. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 World Service Short Story. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Letters From Everywhere. 1.45 Holst and His Circle. 2.15 Report on Religion. 2.30 Middlemarch. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Counterpoint. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 Assignment. 9.00 Network U.K. 9.15 International Soccer Special. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book *Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40* Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 The *Future of Work.* 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World *News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio* Newsreel. 12.30 Waveguide. 12.40 Book Choice. 12.45 I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Monitor. 2.00 World News. *2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network* U.K. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 These Musical Islands. 4.45 Financial *News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News.* 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today.

(All times in GMT)

BBC1 Wales 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales Headlines. 3.53-3.55 *News of Wales Headlines. 5.55 Wales* Today. 11.50 News and weather. **Scotland** 12.55pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 5.55 Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 11.00-11.35 I Believe, You Believe. 11.35-11.55 The Brandenburg Concertos. 11.55 News and weather. **Northern Ireland** 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 5.55 Scene Around Six. 6.50-7.20 It Only Seems *Like Yesterday. 11.50 News and* weather. **England** 5.55 Regional news magazines. 11.55 Close.

S4C Starts 2.20pm Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hyn o Fyd. 2.55 Racing from York. 4.30 Countdown. 5.00 Pictiwrs *Bach. 5.05 Smyrffs. 5.35 Here's Lucy.* 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Jeopardy. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Bara Brith. 8.00 Deg Potel Werdd. 8.30 Y Byd ar Bedwar. 9.00 Film: Marathon (Bob Newhart) Jogging along the road to true love. 10.45 Diverse Reports. 11.15 Arlott in *Conversation with Mike Brearley.* 12.10am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.25am Good Read, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Protectors. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.25am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 *Today South West. 6.20-7.00 Just Our* Luck. 12.25am Postscript. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.25-1.30 Where The Jobs Are. 2.30-3.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* 5.15-5.45 Best of Three. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.25am Partners in India, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Sons and Daughters. 3.30-4.00 Adventurer. 5.10 Action Line. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30-*7.00 Report. 12.25am Late Call,* Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 News. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00 Delvin Connection. 3.00-3.30 Take The High Road. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbilies*. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.25am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Once Upon a Time... Man. *5.15-5.45 Protectors. 6.00-6.35 Good* Evening Ulster. 12.25am News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30-*2.00 Exchange Flags. 2.30 Devlin* Connection. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Vintage Quiz. 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.25am Closedown.

Daley Thomson and Colin Welland: Channel 4, 6.30pm

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Joe 90. 6.00-6.35 Channel Report. 12.25am Closedown.

HTV As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.30 Return of the Saint. *3.30-4.00 Young Doctors.* 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.25am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales *at Six.*

TVS As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Miracles Take Longer. 2.30 Vintage Quiz. 5.15-5.45 Silver Spoons. 6.00-6.35 Coast to *Coast. 12.25am Company. Closedown.*

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 North *Tonight. 12.25am News, Closedown.*

BORDER As London except: *1.20pm-1.30 News.* 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Vintage Quiz. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.25am News, Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

Men on riot charges after pit rally

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vehicles – tactics "intended to terrorize respectable working people in their own villages and communities. We have gone a long way down a very sad road."

The evidence had proved that large numbers did produce disorder. For two or three weeks the police had anticipated what would happen in Nottinghamshire's mining villages and the police had been patrolling them and covering them at night. Several pits had stopped working at night because miners were frightened of leaving their wives and families at home.

Mr McLachlan also described what he called "seeping intimidation", when working miners and their families were intimidated every time there was a large picket at a colliery.

● The National Union of Mineworkers has warned all its full-time and layt officials that they face disciplinary charges if they encourage men to cross picket lines in difiance of conference policy (Our Labour Editor writes).

The warning is contained in a letter sent out by Mr Peter Heathfield, general secretary of the union. It involves several hundered officials ranging from area presidents down to branch secretary and delegate.

It tells them that under union rules they must carry out the policy of the Sheffield delegate conference which sent out a national call for industrial action and an instruction not to cross picket lines set up to spread the "rolling strike", now in its tenth week.

Officials are advised that proceedings under disciplinary rules will follow it they encourage pitmen to work normally in defiance of the starke call, which could include a ban on holding any NUM office. But the warning is being openly defied in moderate areas, particularly in Nottinghamshire where some colliery delegates are planning to turn the tables by suing their area leaders.

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Papal relic

Lisbon, (AFP). – The Pope has donated the bullet which hit and nearly killed him in the assassination attempt in Rome three years ago to the famous shine at Fatima in Western Portugal.





Happy families: Reunions at the Royal Berkshire Hotel in Sunningdale for Mr and Mrs Robert Jones (left), Julian, aged 9, and Alan, aged 7; and Mr and Mrs Douglas Samuel of Pentre, Wales, and two-year-old Christopher.

British hostages home with jobs in danger

By Richard Dowden

The 16 British hostages held in Angola for 11 weeks by Unita rebels arrived in London yesterday morning clearly delighted to be back but facing an uncertain employment future.

Last Friday they all signed a document at the captor's insistence which stated that they would not return to Angola while the civil war continued. They said they had done so willingly, without second thoughts. Dr Jonas Savimbi, the Unita leader, personally warned the hostages last week that he would not guarantee their safety if they returned.

For eight of them who work for Mining and Technical Services (Mats) this poses a problem since the company operates only in Angola. A company spokesman said yesterday that they were on full pay at present, but the situation was under review.

Another two hostages work for Diamang, the Angolan state diamond company and will now have to seek other employment.

The Britons, and the Portuguese wife of one of them, looked fit and tanned after their adventure in the bush, but they were clearly delighted to be home. However there were no emotional scenes at Heathrow at 7 am yesterday. After a brief press conference they were driven to the Royal Berkshire Hotel at Sunningdale to meet their families privately.

The Mats spokesman said yesterday that the future of the whole diamond mining operation in north-east Angola depended upon the Luanda Government's ability to give protection to the expatriate miners. It is understood that another attack by Dr Savimbi's guerrillas would result in the company withdrawing.

"There is no question of mining taking place unless they take all reasonable steps to protect the expatriate company workers," the spokesman said. He denied that the company, which was set up by De Beers, the South African diamond multinational, has had any contact with Unita over the hostages.

A De Beers representative, Mr Peter Galliegos, is flying to Luanda next week to have further talks with the Angolan Government about the security of the company's personnel.

The hostages gave direct and good-humoured accounts of what had happened to them. They said there was no warning whatever when the guerrillas attacked on the morning of February 23.

Mr Robert Jones, the mine manager from Shrewsbury, said there were about 100 diamond security forces in the area and a few Angolan soldiers. "They did the sensible thing and took to their heels. There was almost no returnng fire", he said. "Unita had been in the town for some time spying out the land. They knew where we all were.

"The Unita forces were very well disciplined and trained and were highly motivated. They received no pay. They all came from the south; they did not appear to have recruited anyone locally."

Mr Ian Fenton, an engineer from Bournemouth, said the worst momments were when they were first attacked by rifle and mortar fire.

"For half an hour we just didn't know what was happening," Mr Fenton said. "The other hard part was the lorry journey of three days and three nights along bumpy roads."

For him, as a former RAF officer, it was like a return to service life. He said he had great admiration for the Filipinos who were captured at the same time. One had to be carried by stretcher the 350 miles before they were put in lorries.

Mr Graham Popplewell said that he and his Portuguese wife, Vera, whom he married a year ago, had lost everything in Angola. They would have to find a home and everything for it.

Sir John Leahy, the Foreign Office representative who entered Angola to meet Dr Savimbi as a price for the hostages' release, said they had earned his personal admiration. "They have been through a terrible ordeal, and they have come through with their heads high and their morale splendid. They are also in surprisingly good physical shape and have stuck together in splendid style."

All the hostages were full of praise for their captors. Mr Fenton said they were helpful and friendly and did what they could for their captives: "Every day the medical attendant inspected us during the march."

Another hostage said they were superior to the Government troops in discipline and motivation.

Mr Popplewell said: "We were both pawns and jokers in the pack. We were captives, but they had to look after us."

Mr Budd Sanders, Mr Ken Moffat and Mr Alfred Tasker, three employees of Defence Systems International, said they had no special instructions to follow when they were captured, though Mr Sanders said their military backgrounds helped when they were trekking through the bush.

Defence Systems recruits largely from the SAS and conducts "perimeter security" operations mainly around oil installations in the Middle East. In Angola the three hostages had been officially employed to help to prevent diamond smuggling.

Letter from Dunoon

The hunter-killers lose their menace

Nuclear defence is an old industry on the Clyde.

For 22 years the grey whalebacks of nuclear submarines have slipped in and out of the shelter of Holy Loch on their invisible missions. Familiarity has robbed the vessels of some of their early menace as war machines that can cruise beneath the polar ice and devastate continents with nuclear missiles.

The folk of Sandbank are apt to point casually to the flock of dark hulls offshore and explain the difference between the Poseidon-armed submarines and the hunter-killers.

Somehow, they say, the destructive potential of the vessels has become separated from the familiar, sea-stained shapes that come and go from their mother ship, the USS Hunley and its near by floating dock.

But like the arms race, the nuclear defences on the Clyde are expanding against growing outside resistance.

Today the Government will unveil plans for the Trident nuclear submarine base further upstream at Faslane, which Labour-controlled Dumbarton District Council has declared a nuclear-free zone.

Political independents in Dunoon and Sandbank, though, see that manoeuvre as relevant as Clapham declaring itself a no-go area for trains.

In Holy Loch, the expansion has been less spectacular.

Sandbank and neighbouring Dunoon have no wish to see the Americans ordered out, in spite of stories that servicemen at the Holy Loch base have been taking drugs, including LSD.

Locals, however, might have thought that Mr Kevin McNamara, a Labour defence spokesman, was understating their feelings when he said there was concern about what people working at a nuclear base might do when high on drugs.

Mr Peter Collyer, a fourth generation Sandbanker and chairman of the community council, leads the strongest criticism of the American presence.

He said that all the early assurances about the base and its size had been flouted. Americans outnumbered locals three-to-one and the Ministry of Defence was buying up more and more land and buildings for their use.

The council is sceptical about any assurances from the military and accused the Americans of violating their own safety regulations.

"As far as we understand it, there are not supposed to be more than two submarines at the base at any one time and no missiles are supposed to be loaded or removed within three miles of the nearest habitation."

But recently there were six submarines in the loch less than a mile from Sandbank village, he said.

Rumours abound about an American submarine returning with part of its hull radioactive, of nuclear missiles being dropped while being lowered onto submarines.

It did not drop, the navy told the council, it descended faster than normal.

Apart from the vessels in the loch, the American presence was marked yesterday evening by a formidable number of crew-cut athletic men jogging in the country lanes around Sandbank. Those that were not jogging appeared to be travelling by taxi – the American cab habit has generated an impressive fleet of taxis in the Dunoon district.

On one of the housing estates where some of the 2,000 dependents of the 2,000 American servicemen live, a woman putting a final shine to a gas guzzler said that most Americans were happy to be living in Scotland.

She thought relationships with the locals were excellent

Mr John Thomson, former provost of Dunoon and a local councillor for 30 years, preferred the positive benefits

One calculation is that the Americans spend nearly £20m a year in shops, rates, rent, loal contracts and wages at the base a year.

Did Dunoon feel to be a vulnerable target because of the American base?

Not so, Mr Thomson said. He recalled the day of the Cuba crisis when the town woke up and discovered that every sign of the American base had disappeared overnight.

There would have been nothing remotely American for the Russians to hit apart from perhaps the public house that had changed its name to the Paul Jones.

Persuading the Russians of that; of course, might have been difficult.

Ronald Faux

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, in Cambridge, opens the Information Technology Centre 10.50, also opens the Grafton Shopping Centre, 11.20, visits Emmanuel College, 12.15, and Jesus College, 3.20.

Princess Anne, Patron of the Riding for the Disabled Association, visits the Broadlands Group at Broadlands Riding School, Medstead, Hants, 2, and later, as President of the British Olympic Association, attends a reception given by the British Nordic Ski Team at the Officers' Club, Aldershot, Hants, 6.50.

Princess Margaret as President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, attends the annual council meeting, Queen Elizabeth Hall, 11.05.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel in Chief the Royal Army Education Corps, visits units in West Germany, departs Northolt Airfield, 9.30.

The Duchess of Kent, Controller Commandant, Women's Royal Army Corps, visits West Germany, departs Northolt airfield, 9.30.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, attends the European Poultry Fair at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, 11.30; and later, as President of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, is guest of honour at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government at Marlborough House, SW1, on the occasion of the seventh meeting of the Commonwealth German-French Joint committee of the Commission, 8.05.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President of the Institute of the Motor Industry, opens IMI conference at the Penta Hotel, Heathrow, Middx, 10.30, and later attends Grand Day Dinner at the Inner Temple Hall, EC4, at 7.30.

Princess Michael of Kent attends GP & J Baker Centenary Exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum, SW7, 6.30.

New exhibitions

Photograph by Frazer Ashford, the Ginnel Gallery, 16 Lloyd Street, Manchester; Mon to Fri 9 to 5.30, Thur 9 to 8, closed Sat and Sun (ends Jun 8).

Music

Concert by August Serenade, All Saints' Church, Hale Barns, Altrincham, 8.

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Colston Hall, Bristol, 7.30.

Newbury Spring Festival: Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, St Nicholas Parish Church, Newbury, Berkshire, 8.

Organ recital by Philip Moore, Southwell Minster, Nottinghamshire, 7.30.

Recital by Carlos Bonell & Mara, Dorset County Museum, Dorchester, Dorset, 8.

Recital by Joy Puritz (soprano), Tim Jones (baritone) and Robin Hales (piano), Holbourne of Menstrie Museum, Bath, 7.45.

Concert by the pupils of Strathallan School, St John's Kirk of Perth, Perth, 12.30.

Recital by Ariel (Virginia Rushton (soprano), Colin Lawson (clarinet), Marian Raper (piano), Bretton Hall College, nr Wakefield, 7.30.

Chelmsford Cathedral. Music for harp and tenor recital by Osian and Tomos Ellis, 8.

Talks and lectures

Alberto Giacometti by David Sylvester, Lecture Theatre 1, University of East Anglia, Norwich, 7.30.

The Ladies' Handicap by Prue Leith, Renold Building, the university of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, Manchester, 2.15.

General

20th Buxton Antiques Fair, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton, Derbyshire, 12 to 9 daily (until 19th May).

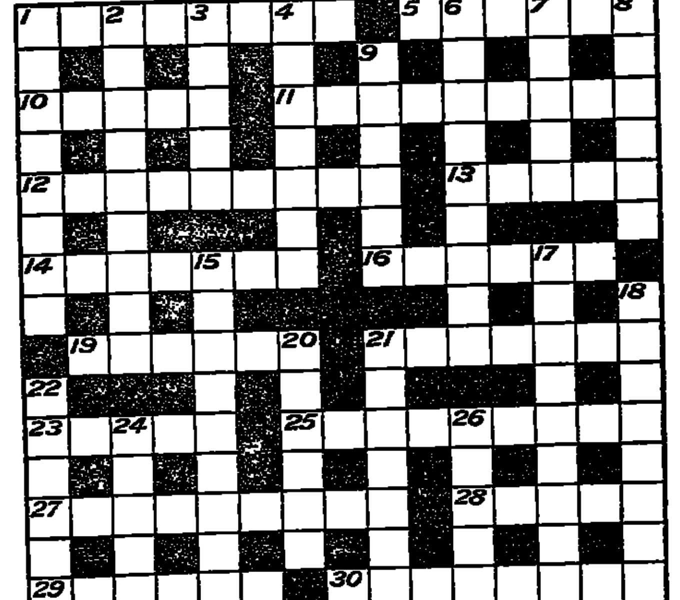
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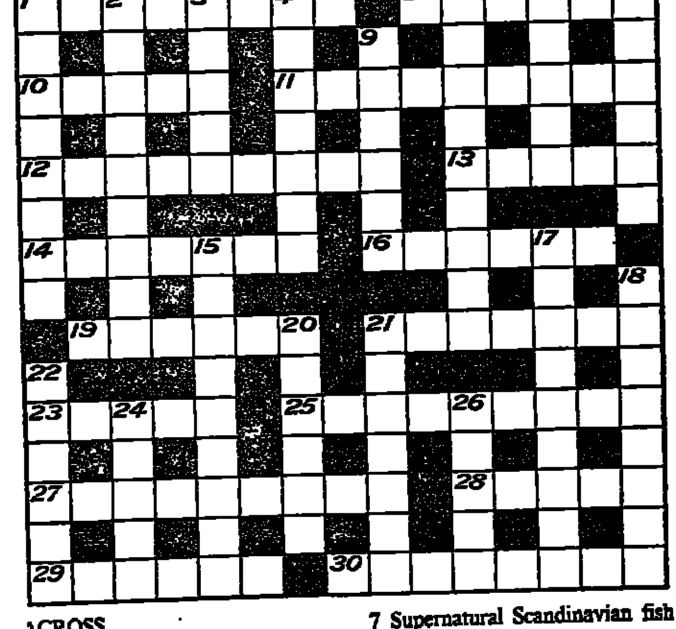
Commons (2.30): Police and Criminal Justice Bill, third reading. Motion for spring adjournment.

Lords (2.30): Debates on energy strategy; Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Immunity; and on the probation service.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,431

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 21 per cent of the competitors at this year's Glasgow regional final of the Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship.





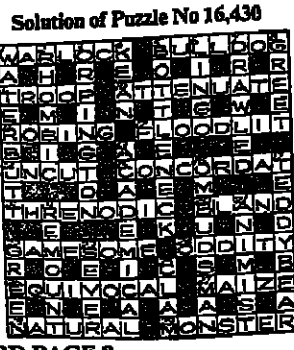
ACROSS

1 Pinched hired article of clothing (8).
5 National spirit (6).
10 He's liable to charge cash (5).
11 Fungus withstood a lot, somehow (9).
12 Crisis when Eastern quarter conceals information (9).
13 One must have leave to look inside the White House (5).
14 Parvenu puts faked pictures on show (7).
16 Slight difference is not apparent in pest (6).
19 Make ball go spinning around the world (6).
21 Shakespearian knight, we hear, can be glorious (7).
23 One who has to talk nonsense! (5).
25 Figure included in rent bill (9).
27 Details us off for fatigue (9).
28 Brooke's said to be a poet (5).
29 Walk unsteadily in summer (6).
30 Welsh engineers first to make bearing (8).

DOWN

1 9-0 to us – splendid! (8).
2 19 valuers in disarray (9).
3 Strip right away from the crowd (5).
4 Formerly over-coloured, but not burning now (7).
6 Carpet – one laid between players and spectators (9).
7 Supernatural Scandinavian fish (5).
8 Make saint Henry sound like an ox (6).
9 Caught somebody, having dropped the last in the gully (6).
15 Colour that's fashionable for interior decoration of French hostelry (9).
17 Dry up about celebration – first find a place to eat ... (9).
18 ... being hungry, and keen on several eggs (5-3).
20 Stir jam with more vigour (4-2).
21 Bar for high fliers (7).
22 Despite having money, keep quiet about it (6).
24 Perhaps it's under rocket attack (5).
26 Liquor – doctor interjected "Take it slowly" (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,430



CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 8

New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week.

Indian Diary 1952-53, by Edward Ardizzone (the Bodley Head, £15)
Seneca, Humanist at the Court of Nero by Villy Sorenson (Canongate, £15)
Soviet Psychiatric Abuse, by Sidney Bloch and Peter Reddway, (Gollancz, £10.95)
The Breadstealers, The Fight Against the Corn Laws, 1838-1846, by Norman Longmate (Temple Smith, £14.50)
The Building of London, from the Conquest to the Great Fire, by John Schofield (Colonade, £12.95)
The Making of the Roman Army, from Republic to Empire, by Lawrence Keppie (Batsford, £14.95)
The National Trust Guide to the Coast, by Tony Soper, (Webb & Bower, £10.95)
The Story of Covent Garden, by Mary Cathcart Borer (Hale, £9.95)
The Unity of Law and Morality, a Refutation of Legal Positivism, by M. J. Dermold (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £15)
Vengeance, the True Story of a Counter-Terrorist Mission, by George Jonas (Collins, £9.95)

Anniversaries

John Sell Cotman, watercolourist was born at Norwich, 1782. Deaths: Felicia Hemans, poet, Dublin, 1835; Mily Balakirev, composer (new style May 29), St Petersburg (Leningrad), 1910;

Hosepipe ban

A ban on the use of hosepipes is to be extended in South-west England. Already 260,000 people in Devon and Cornwall have been affected after a 14-week dry spell, and the South-west Water Authority has announced that a further 93,000 will be subject to the ban from Saturday.

Licence swop

Driving licences of nine countries can be exchanged for their British equivalent by new arrivals in Britain from June 1 under a Transport Department order. Mrs Lynda Chalker, the Minister of State for Transport, has stated in a Commons written reply, that in these countries, Australia, Kenya, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Hongkong. European Community driving licences are already exchangeable.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.61	1.53
Austria Sch	28.10	26.50
Belgium Fr	81.50	77.50
Canada $	1.84	1.77
Denmark Kr	14.49	13.79
Finland Mkk	8.36	7.96
France Fr	12.17	11.57
Germany DM	3.93	3.75
Greece Dr	157.00	147.00
Hongkong $	11.23	10.63
Ireland	1.29	1.23
Italy Lira	2425.00	2325.00
Japan Yen	334.00	318.00
Netherlands Gld	4.46	4.24
Norway Kr	11.29	10.74
Portugal Esc	198.00	188.00
South Africa Rd	2.21	2.05
Spain Pta	217.25	206.25
Sweden Kr	11.74	11.14
Switzerland Fr	3.28	3.11
USA $	1.43	1.38
Yugoslavia Dnr	205.00	185.00

Retail Price Index: 345.1.
London: The *FT* Index closed up 4 at 878.

Roads

London and South-east: A308: Reduced width in Staines Road East, Sunbury, eastwards from Batavia Road to Spelthorne boundary. A4: New right turn at North End Road, West Kensington, at Talgarth Road (eastbound); expect congestion. A40: Nearside lane restrictions both carriageways on Western Avenue between Grand Union Canal and Oldfield Lane at junction with Long Drive.

Midlands: A34: Roadworks at Tidmington, S of Shipston, Warwickshire. A34: Temporary signals S of Newbold on Stour, Warwickshire. A49: Single lane traffic at junction A456 at Wooferton, Shropshire, temporary signals.

Wales and West: A483: Temporary one-way system between Llandeilo and M4 Junction 49; delays in Wine Street, Ammanford, Dyfed. A379: Lane closures on Exeter to Topsham Road at Bascule Bridge, Devon. M5: Diversions via junction 14 and contraflow on northbound carriageway between junctions 12 and 13; southbound entry slip road closed at junction 13.

North: A534: Traffic lights and severe delays at Crewe Road, Haslington, east of Crewe. A61: Traffic lights S of Dronfield. A68: Traffic lights on Witton to Fir Tree Road.

Scotland: A78: Traffic control from S of Skelmorlie to Saltcoats.

Information supplied by AA.

The papers

The Herald, Zimbabwe's biggest circulating daily, said of the British Government's negotiations with the rebel Angolan movement Unita, leading to last week's release of 16 British hostages: "Kidnapping unarmed civilians, mostly aid workers, is about the best thing rebel movements in Africa can do". It added: "Jonas Savimbi of Unita has just released 17 people his organization kidnapped. He had refused to let them go unitl the British Government negotiated directly with him. The rebel movements in Ethiopia are notorious for kidnapping foreign aid workers. So are MNR bandits in the Mozambican bush. Even Zimbabwe has had its fair share of kidnappings. A number of people, including six foreign tourists, are still missing after being kidnapped by bandits operating in Matabeleland. By negotiating with Savimbi in Angola, the British have given the rebels the diplomatic boost they wanted. It is unlikely Savimbi would have harmed the hostages had the British refused to negotiate, by the Foreign Office is arguing other wise."

Weather forecast

A slack area of low pressure over the near Continent will bring showers or longer periods of rain to much of the British Isles.

6am to midnight

London, SE England, East Anglia, Channel Islands: Mainly cloudy, rain in places, becoming more widespread later: wind NE light to moderate; max temp 13C to 15C (55-59F).

Central S, E, central N, NE England, E, W Midlands: Rather cloudy, a little rain in places; wind mainly NE light; max temp 13C to 15C (55-59F).

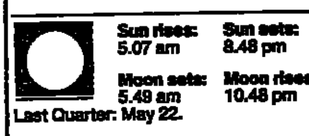
SW, NW England, S, N Wales: Mainly cloudy, outbreaks of rain, heavy in places; wind N moderate; max temp 13C to 15C (55-59F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, NW, SW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth: Mainly cloudy, outbreaks of rain, heavy in places; wind N light; max temp 12C to 14C (54-57F).

Argyll, NW Scotland, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers; wind mainly N light; max temp 11C to 13C (52-55F).

Outlook for Thursday and Friday: Changeable with showers or longer periods of rain; near normal temperatures.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind NE or N light or moderate, sea smooth or slight. English Channel (E): Wind NW light or moderate, sea smooth or slight. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind NW moderate, visibility moderate, sea slight.



Sun rises: 5.07 am
Sun sets: 8.48 pm
Moon sets: 5.49 am
Moon rises: 10.48 pm
Last Quarter: May 22.

Lighting-up time

London 9.18 pm to 4.36 am
Bristol 9.27 pm to 4.46 am
Edinburgh 9.51 pm to 4.26 am
Manchester 9.35 pm to 4.35 am
Penzance 9.34 pm to 5.03 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.



		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	10	50	Guernsey	r	9	48
Birmingham	f	15	59	Inverness	c	11	52
Blackpool	f	13	55	Jersey	c	9	48
Bristol	c	14	57	London	r	11	52
Cardiff	r	11	52	Manchester	f	17	63
Edinburgh	f	14	57	Newcastle	s	15	59
Glasgow	f	11	52	Ronaldsway	f	13	55

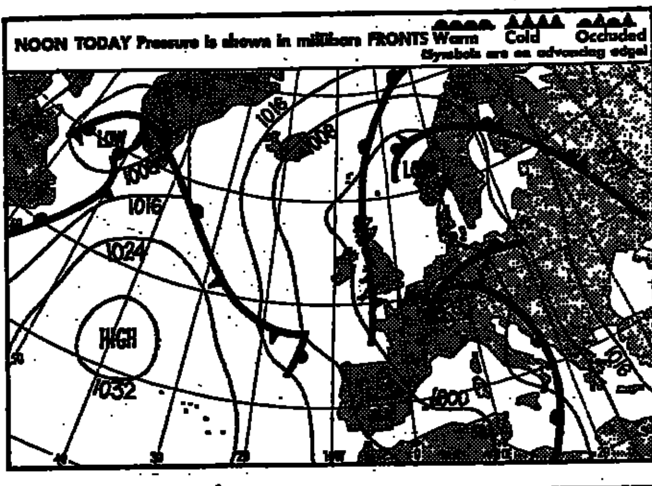
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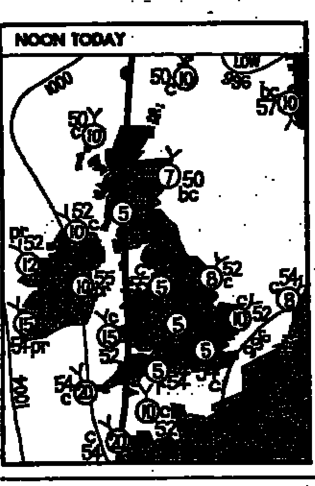
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6 pm, 65 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,001.6 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Manchester, Leeming, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Belfast, 0.35in; highest sunshine: Newcastle, Aberdeen, 13.1hr.

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High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.15	7.1	3.42	7.2
Aberdeen	2.42	4.1	2.59	4.3
Avonmouth	8.48	13.4	9.11	13.5
Belfast	12.12	3.4	12.33	3.5
Cardiff	8.33	12.4	8.56	12.4
Devonport	7.32	5.5	7.51	5.5
Dover	12.12	6.8	12.39	6.6
Falmouth	7.02	5.3	7.21	5.3
Glasgow	2.21	4.5	2.27	4.7
Harwich	1.04	4.1	1.36	4.0
Holyhead	11.49	5.7	-	-
Hull	7.46	7.5	8.30	7.6
Ilfracombe	7.31	9.3	7.50	9.3
Leith	3.52	5.6	4.17	5.8
Liverpool	12.29	9.6	12.50	9.5
Lowestoft	11.09	2.4	11.24	2.5
Margate	1.10	4.8	1.45	4.7
Milford Haven	7.46	7.1	8.06	7.1
Newquay	6.36	7.1	6.56	7.1
Oban	7.09	3.9	7.34	4.0
Penzance	6.29	5.6	6.49	5.6
Portland	8.37	2.1	9.00	2.2
Portsmouth	12.41	4.9	1.06	4.7
Shoreham	12.24	6.4	12.47	6.2

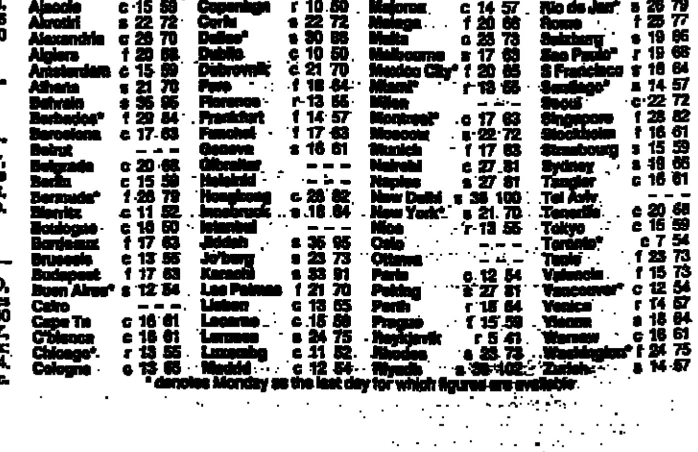
Around Britain



	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	12.3	–	13	55	Sunny
Bridlington	11.6	–	14	57	Sunny
Cromer	3.3	–	12	54	Cloudy
Lowestoft	2.8	–	12	54	Cloudy
Clacton	1.3	.10	13	55	Drizzle
Margate	–	.10	11	52	Rain
Folkestone	2.1	.08	12	54	Rain
Hastings	1.7	.08	12	54	Rain am
Eastbourne	1.5	.15	12	54	Rain
Brighton	0.5	.20	10	50	Rain
Worthing	–	.21	11	52	Rain
Littlehampton	–	–	11	52	Rain
Bognor R	–	.17	11	52	Rain
Southsea	1.1	.14	14	57	Rain pm
Shanklin	0.6	.12	13	55	Rain
Bournemouth	1.1	.02	16	61	Rain pm
Poole	0.8	–	16	61	Cloudy
Swanage	0.9	.01	14	57	Drizzle pm
Weymouth	–	.08	15	59	Rain pm
Exmouth	–	.11	12	54	Drizzle pm
Torquay	–	.13	12	54	Rain
Falmouth	–	.02	12	54	Showers pm
Penzance	1.7	–	13	55	Cloudy
Jersey	–	.10	13	55	Rain am
Guernsey	–	.08	11	52	Cloudy
Scilly Isles	4.2	–	14	57	Cloudy
Newquay	0.4	–	16	61	Cloudy
Ilfracombe	–	.11	11	52	Dull
Tenby	2.2	.01	13	55	Cloudy
Southport	4.0	–	16	61	Cloudy
Morecambe	4.9	–	16	61	Bright
Douglas	9.1	–	13	55	Bright pm
London (Ctrl)	–	.05	12	54	Rain
B'ham (Airpt)	3.6	–	17	63	Bright am
Bristol (Ctrl)	0.7	.03	16	61	Cloudy
Cardiff (Ctrl)	0.1	.02	12	54	Rain
Anglesey	6.3	–	15	59	Bright
B'pool (Airpt)	4.7	–	16	61	Bright
Manchester	2.7	–	18	64	Bright
Nottingham	6.3	–	16	61	Sunny am
N'cstl-n-Tyne	13.1	–	15	59	Sunny
Carlisle	6.4	–	17	63	Bright
Eskdalemuir	10.3	–	17	63	Sunny am
Prestwick	5.8	–	14	57	Cloudy
Glasgow	4.9	–	14	57	Cloudy
Tiree	4.8	.01	12	54	Bright
Stornoway	8.6	.02	11	52	Sunny
Lerwick	8.9	–	11	52	Sunny
Wick	6.3	–	10	50	Sunny
Edinburgh	10.4	–	15	59	Bright
Aldergrove	0.4	.36	13	55	Bright pm

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.



		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	c	15	59	Copenhagen	r	10	50	Majorca	c	14	57	Rio de Jan*	s	26	79
Akrotiri	s	22	72	Corfu	s	22	72	Malaga	f	20	68	Rome	f	25	77
Alexandria	c	26	70	Dallas*	s	30	86	Malta	c	25	73	Salzburg	s	19	66
Algiers	f	20	68	Dublin	c	10	50	Melbourne	s	17	63	Sao Paulo*	r	19	66
Amsterdam	c	15	59	Dubrovnik	c	21	70	Mexico City*	f	20	68	S Francisco	s	18	64
Athens	s	21	70	Faro	f	18	64	Miami*	r	13	55	Santiago*	s	14	57
Bahrain	s	35	95	Florence	r	13	55	Milan	–	–	–	Seoul	c	22	72
Barbados*	f	29	84	Frankfurt	f	14	57	Montreal*	c	17	63	Singapore	f	28	82
Barcelona	c	17	63	Funchal	f	17	63	Moscow	s	22	72	Stockholm	f	16	61
Beirut	–	–	–	Geneva	s	16	61	Munich	f	17	63	Strasbourg	s	15	59
Belgrade	c	20	68	Gibraltar	–	–	–	Nairobi	c	27	81	Sydney	s	18	65
Berlin	c	15	59	Helsinki	–	–	–	Naples	s	27	81	Tangier	c	16	61
Bermuda*	f	26	79	Hongkong	c	28	82	New Delhi	s	38	100	Tel Aviv	–	–	–
Biarritz	c	11	52	Innsbruck	s	18	64	New York*	s	21	70	Tenerife	c	20	68
Boulogne	c	10	50	Istanbul	–	–	–	Nice	r	13	55	Tokyo	c	15	59
Bordeaux	f	17	63	Jeddah	s	35	95	Oslo	–	–	–	Toronto*	c	7	54
Brussels	c	13	55	Jo'burg	s	23	73	Ottawa	–	–	–	Tunis	f	23	73
Budapest	f	17	63	Karachi	s	33	91	Paris	c	12	54	Valencia	f	15	73
Buen Aires*	s	12	54	Las Palmas	f	21	70	Peking	s	27	81	Vancouver*	c	12	54
Cairo	–	–	–	Lisbon	c	13	55	Perth	r	18	64	Venice	r	14	57
Cape Tn	c	16	61	Locarno	c	15	59	Prague	f	15	59	Vienna	s	18	64
C'blanca	c	16	61	Larnaca	s	24	75	Reykjavik	r	5	41	Warsaw	c	16	61
Chicago*	r	13	55	Luxembg	c	11	52	Rhodes	s	23	73	Washington*	f	24	75
Cologne	c	13	55	Madrid	c	12	54	Riyadh	s	39	102	Zurich	s	14	57

* denotes Monday as the last day for which figures are available